SEE WHAT'S NEW... CHECK OUT OUR LATEST OFFER ON PAGE 28
SHOPPERS DRUG MART

Economy is NDP's strength: Dexter

The premier makes his pitch for another majority government, championing his economic record despite heavy criticism from opposition parties on recent efforts PAGE 3



GOAL ORIENTED

MOOSEHEADS COACH DOMINIQUE DUCHARME IS AS AMBITIOUS AS HIS PLAYERS WHEN IT COMES TO PRO HOCKEY PAGE 41



HALIFAX metro®

Thursday, December 6, 2012

News worth sharing.

metronews.ca | twitter.com/metrohalifax | facebook.com/metrohalifax

Rethinking Nova Centre led to 'a better project today': Ramia



Developer Joe Ramia shows final architect renderings of the Nova Centre project at the last public consolation session at Pier 21's Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall on Wednesday night. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Halifax development. Design of $500-million mega project unveiled with priority on people



ANDREW RANKIN
andrew.rankin@metronews.ca

Boasting a "green roof," a "European streetscape," and an Argyle Street without a parking garage, the final design plans for the million-square-foot Nova Centre was unveiled on Wednesday night.

Sitting at the heart of the proposed $500-million mega-project is Grafton Street. The street will split the facility that spans two city blocks, and is expected to be the centre's social magnet.

On Argyle Street the convention centre's main entrance will be lined with shopping and retail space with sweeping staircases.

The sprawling development will also boast a financial centre, luxury hotel, shops as well as two towering financial towers.

Besides raising the convention above ground, one of the major changes to the original design is the location of the parking garage on pedestrian-friendly Argyle Street. The garage has been moved to a small slipway on Grafton Street, off of Prince Street, which developer Joe Ramia said will have little impact on pedestrian flow.

The top of the convention centre will feature a green park space.

After 11 public consultations held across the province since July, Ramia said design plans for the project have completely changed.

"This is a better project today then what we started with," he said. "The consultation process has been challenging at times but it has been very fruitful."

The design team, including architects from Toronto-based IBI Group, were on hand to present the plans. The design hasn't been finalized, including one of the two financial towers planned for the corner of Prince and Argyle streets.

"There's an inside and outside that we have to get right," IBI's lead architect Jamie Wright said.

"It's not only a space for a convention centre it's actually part of the grain of the public realm and people that are passing through Grafton Street can stop there."

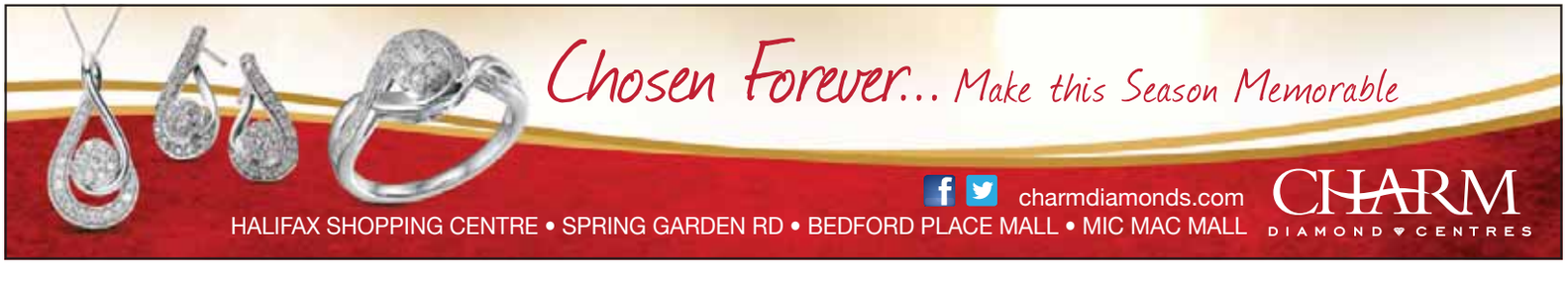
Big changes

"We shelved everything. The convention centre is above ground, for example. Everything has changed."
Joe Ramia

More coverage

The complete design will be submitted to the city for approval early in the new year.

- For more coverage, see page 3.



CHEVROLET

BOXING DAYS

GREAT YEAR END DEALS

0%* FINANCING
ON SELECT 2012 MODELS



2012 SONIC SEDAN LS

Equipped with OnStar, Stabilitrak, Power Locks, Remote Keyless Entry.

FUN & FUEL EFFICIENT AT 50MPG HIGHWAY!

FINANCE TAXES & FREIGHT INCLUDED:

$89 BIWEEKLY* | AT 0% INTEREST | FOR 84 MONTHS

2013 CRUZE LS

Equipped with 10 Air Bags, OnStar, Stabilitrak, Power Locks, ABS Brakes, Remote Keyless Entry & AM/FM/CD/MP3 with 6 spkrs.

LEASE THE 2013 CRUZE FOR:

$175 MONTH†

GM Canada — THE BEST COVERAGE IN CANADA
5 YEARS / 160,000 KM* • POWERTRAIN COMPONENT LIMITED WARRANTY • ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE • COURTESY TRANSPORTATION

LOWEST CASH PRICES & FINANCE PAYMENTS OF THE YEAR!

There's *More* to MacPhee!

*Based on 84 month term, bi weekly payment with $0 down, OAC. Based on stock number 12-1283
†Based on 60 month lease, 20000km per year, 1st payment, and registration due on signing. OAC. Based on stock num 13-0230

636 Portland Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Phone: 902.434.4100
Toll Free: 1.888.814.8882
www.macpheechev.com

MacPhee
Cadillac GMC Buick

More Service Bays | *More* Selection | *More* Auto Parts | *More* Staff | *More* Tires

Nova Centre look gets mixed reviews from Haligonians

Good and bad.
Residents laud aesthetics of design, question priority on sustainability



ANDREW RANKIN
andrew.rankin@metronews.ca

Argyle Street business owner Victor Syperek admitted he was a little worried when he showed up to Pier 21 to see the final design plans for the Nova Centre.

The owner of the Seahorse Tavern and Economy Shoe Shop saw the original design unveiled in July and hated what he saw, calling it a slab of concrete. He since had a change of heart.

The design could have been a little more iconic but he said it would go far in reviving the city's downtown core.

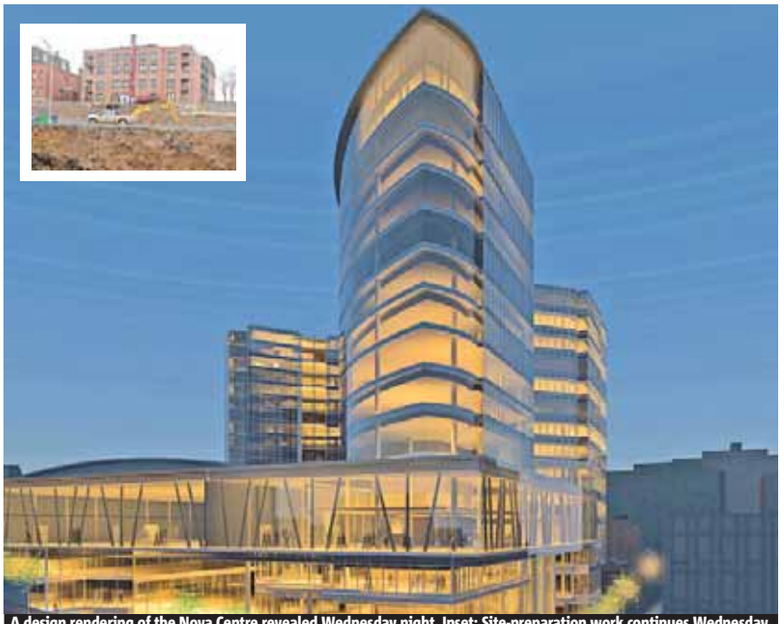
"People might sit down and enjoy themselves downtown like they did 18 years ago when Argyle was filled with shops — Barrington was filled too," Sypreak said at Wednesday night's unveiling. "It's now in a mess."

But he said he's concerned about what three years of development would mean for his business.

"(There will) be trucks driving by every 15 seconds and a filthy street. If we do survive the three years it will be a lot better."

Architect Thomas Emodi was also on hand for the event and liked what he saw, especially the effort to incorporate a Nova Scotia feel in the design. But he said the design failed to pay enough attention to sustainability.

"At this level you have to. How do we handle energy?," he questioned. "Is there a district energy system? How do you handle the collection of water? How do you handle materials and recycling and reusing materials which could fit into the big story but it's not there yet."



A design rendering of the Nova Centre revealed Wednesday night. Inset: Site-preparation work continues Wednesday on the two downtown city blocks that will eventually be the home of the Nova Centre. CONTRIBUTED

Residents for new Gottingen St. building



The proposed Gottingen Street development. CONTRIBUTED.

A new apartment building is set to rise on Gottingen Street, and local residents are mostly in support.

The Israel Convenience Store was badly damaged by fire in March 2011, and owner George Israel is hoping to build a seven-storey mixed-use building in its place, at the corner of Gottingen and Bilby streets.

"Unfortunately, fire took the building out of the neighbourhood, and now the owner would like to give something back and put something there of good quality," architect Michael Napier told about two dozen residents at a public meeting Wednesday night.

The building, one of four currently proposed in the area, will include commercial space on the ground floor and 39 residential units on the upper floors.

Residents at the meeting praised the design and were mostly concerned with the impact of the new building on traffic and parking.

"Nobody is providing adequate parking for the business, so I know what's going to happen.... Traffic enforcement doesn't pay attention to rules on the streets now, what's it going to be like later?" said Lois Randall of Russell Street.

Former regional councillor Jerry Blumenthal pointed out the number of bus routes that run along Gottingen, suggesting new tenants might not bring cars with them.

"You're right across from Stadacona.... You have a lot of people in the navy looking for homes close to where they work," he said. "You also have the shipbuilding contract coming up.... There are a lot of people coming into the north end." RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO



Popularity rankings.
Liberals remain popular, PCs make gains: Poll


Stephen McNeil METRO

The Liberals remain the most popular party in the province, according to a new poll released Wednesday by Corporate Research Associates.

Forty-one per cent support the Liberals, unchanged from August, marking the second survey in a row they were first.

"Good news for the Liberals that the last quarter wasn't an anomaly," said Don Mills of CRA.

The NDP dropped two points from 31 to 29 per cent, while the Tories are up five points to 27 per cent.

Just over four in 10 respondents are satisfied with the performance of the Darrell Dexter government (42 per cent), up from 37 per cent in August.

"We've never seen a government re-elected without at least 50 per cent satisfaction," Mills said.

However, the premier's personal popularity is up slightly to 26 per cent from 23 per cent. Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil remains the most popular leader at 33 per cent, which is down two points, while support for Tory Leader Jamie Baillie is unchanged at 17 per cent.

The results are based on a survey of 800 Nova Scotians, conducted from Nov. 7 to 30, and is considered accurate to within plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

When asked about the poll on Wednesday, Dexter said these results often come and go.

"It's an acknowledgement that we need to make difficult decisions, and sometimes difficult decisions are the key to the prosperity of the future," he said. METRO

New perks. Province amends HRM charter to allow bonus zoning

The province is introducing amendments that will allow HRM to offer perks to developers in exchange for enhanced community benefits — including affordable housing.

A release from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations states the municipal charter will be amended to allow "bonus zoning," currently only allowed in the downtown core.

HRM had asked the province for the legislative amendment in 2009, and moved the request to the top of the list in communication with Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations Minister John MacDonell earlier this year.

Bonus zoning offers concessions to developers — usually on the height of a building — in exchange for community benefits that must include affordable housing and can also extend to street-scaping and parks. METRO

Requests

30

HRM has more than 30 legislative amendment requests pending with the province, dating back to 2006.

Historic memorial

Ceremonies will mark 95th anniversary of Halifax Explosion

Memorial services will be held in HRM on Thursday to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion.

The official ceremony will be held from 8:50 to 9:20 a.m. at the Fort Needham Hill Bell Tower, followed by a reception at United Memorial Church on Kaye Street at 9:30 a.m.

Halifax Regional Fire Services will hold a ceremony at 10 a.m. at Fire Station 4, and a service in Dartmouth will take place at 11 a.m. at Pinehill Park.

Roughly 2,000 people died and 9,000 more were injured when the French munitions ship Mont Blanc collided with the Norwegian relief ship Imo, sparking the devastating explosion in the Narrows on Dec. 6, 1917. METRO



Premier Darrell Dexter addresses a business luncheon in Halifax on Wednesday. Dexter has until June 2014 to call an election, but the suspicion is that he will be calling it much sooner. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier makes pitch for another majority

Election time?

Provincial leader boasts economic record in state of the province address

Opposition

"He came to the chamber of commerce and bragged about spending half a billion dollars to bribe some companies to create jobs here."

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie


ANDREW RANKIN
andrew.rankin@metronews.ca

Premier Darrell Dexter made his pitch for a second straight majority government Wednesday, championing his economic record and chastising the opposition parties for constantly attacking it.

Dexter presented his annual state-of-the-province address at a Halifax Chamber of Commerce luncheon, hinging his success on relatively recent economic announcements such as the Projex, IBM and proposed convention-centre projects, as well as the Irving Shipbuilding contract, all of which have been aided by heavy government funding.

"Friends, I can tell you that I was never prouder to be a Nova Scotian than the day that Irving Shipbuilding won the federal shipbuilding contracts," Dexter told the crowd.

"If my political future rests on the decision to make sure Nova Scotia won that shipbuilding contract, so be it."

Dexter has come under heavy criticism from opposition parties claiming the premier is blindly offering companies millions of dollars in government subsidies, from payroll rebates to tax incentives.

But Dexter has consistently argued government incentives are essential to the long-term economic growth of the province.

"I know that suffering the critics is worthwhile when I hear that there are 30 building cranes at work right now in Halifax, after the building crane had become Nova Scotia's most endangered species," he said.

"Friends, Nova Scotia will not turn the corner by cowering in the face of opportunity. "

Not since 1988 has the province seen successive majority governments. Dexter pledged that the province has laid the groundwork for "economic and social" prosperity in Nova Scotia.

"We've laid a foundation of unprecedented opportunity for our province. We want to see that through."

Study of Muskrat Falls, Maritime Link announced


Jamie Baillie METRO FILE

Darrell Dexter announced Wednesday that the province has undertaken a third-party review of the Muskrat Falls electricity megaproject to determine if it's the best option for ratepayers.

"The study will be looking at all the possible alternatives: transmission from Quebec, natural gas. This will show exactly what we've been saying all along, that this is the lowest-cost alternative," said Dexter.

Dexter made the announcement during his state-of-the-province address. The news comes a day after details of a $1.3-billion federal loan guarantee for the proposed Maritime Link, which would connect Nova Scotia to the Newfoundland and Labrador-based electricity station. Emera, the company pledging to build the link, announced last week that the estimated cost of the project has risen to $1.5 from $1.3 billion.

The study is scheduled to be completed in January.

Dexter wouldn't disclose what company was selected to do the review when asked by reporters earlier in the day.

His spokeswoman later indicated John Dalton, president of Power Advisory in Carlisle, Mass., has been preparing the $85,000 assessment since September.

Opposition parties have criticized the premier for supporting the expected $7.7-billion megaproject without evidence proving it's a better alternative for ratepayers and the environment.

"People expect the premier ... to stand up for them by not taking a position until all of the options have been explored," said Tory Leader Jamie Baillie. ANDREW RANKIN/METRO


IT'S A WONDERFUL RIDE HOLIDAY EVENT
CRUSH!
CRUSH!
WE BUY BIG! YOU SAVE BIG!
Final Clearout
$17,000 OFF
ALL REMAINING 2012 RAM 1500's
Choose from Quad or Crew Cab
NOTHING HELD BACK!
PARK ONE OF THESE UNDER YOUR TREE THIS YEAR!
CRUSH!
NEW 2013 DODGE AVENGER
$14,995 fr
4dr automatic, keyless entry, air conditioning, power windows & lock & mirrors, cruise control.
NEW 2013 DODGE DART
$14,995 fr
NEW 2013 GRAND CARAVAN
$18,495 fr
NEW 2013 RAM 1500 SXT QUAD CAB 4X4
$25,995 fr
4.7L V8 – Alloy wheels, Keyless entry, Power Locks, Power Windows, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, Trailer Hitch.
up to $1,000 Holiday Bonus Cash Included!
Steele
CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP
44 BEDFORD HWY, Halifax
PH: 982-3982
TF: 1 (877) 394-2751
www.steelechrysler.com
BAYERS LAKE (by RONA) Halifax
PH: 482-8126
TF: 1 (877) 394-1634
www.halifaxchrysler.com
HALIFAX
CHRYSLER • DODGE • JEEP • RAM
†All savings are tax inclusive *Sale is price is plus freight, taxes & fees. Dealer installed options are additional.





Olivia Marshall, 10, gets her fingerprint taken at the opening of Operation KidSafe at O'Regan's Nissan in Dartmouth on Wednesday. HALEY RYAN/METRO

Free fingerprinting service opens in HRM

Support. Local auto dealership sponsoring Operation KidSafe



HALEY RYAN
haley.ryan@metronews.ca

Mark Bott says parents are the real 99 per cent.

"Almost everyone in the community would help if your child went missing," said Bott, an Illinois businessman and CEO of Operation KidSafe.

"But there is that minority, less than one per cent, who are trying to harm our children and try to derail our life."

Operation KidSafe, which opened on Wednesday at O'Regan Nissan dealership locations in Halifax and Dartmouth, provides free fingerprinting services.

Children come in, get their fingerprints taken with digital technology, and receive a printout to take home with safety tips and a place for a current photo.

Bott said KidSafe doesn't ask for names, and keeps no database of information on the children because of the risk it may be hacked.

KidSafe has no connection to police, but if a child goes missing parents can give officers the fingerprints and personal data to help the case.

"There is absolutely no charge to the family ever," said Bott, "That is why we have sponsorships."

Locations

KidSafe locations are at O'Regan's Nissan Halifax, located at 3461 Kempt Rd., and O'Regan's Nissan Dartmouth, at 60 Baker Drive Unit C. Both dealerships are open six days a week.

O'Regan's company president, Sean O'Regan, said although the initial cost was around $2,000 for the system, it was well worth it.

"They're our most precious resource, so you do everything you can," O'Regan said of children.

Kathleen O'Regan, director of human resources and a mother of three, said any safety tips are issues she wants to bring up with her kids.

"You don't want your children to be fearful, but you want people to feel empowered," she said.

"It allows people to do something in their own homes, to have and take away."

On the web

For more local news go to metronews.ca

Warning. Police in Halifax raise alert about gift and credit-card scam

Police in Halifax are warning business owners of an elaborate scam involving gift cards.

A release from Halifax Regional Police says fraudsters are going to local businesses and buying gift cards, which are paid for with a fake or stolen credit card without a chip.

The scammer either swipes the card or enters the number manually, which will prompt the cashier to manually override the transaction.

The fraud isn't discovered until several days later when the credit-card company informs the business — and if a manual override was used in the point of sale machine, the credit-card company may not cover the loss.

METRO

Locations

Police are warning local business owners to be wary of anyone buying several gift cards with credit cards, and to be diligent about confirming the validity of credit cards.

Road hazard. Dozens caught driving impaired in November

Police in Halifax say over 60 people were charged with impaired driving last month.

In total, 62 people were charged with impaired driving of a motor vehicle — 49 men and 13 women — ranging in age from 16 to 73.

Police say eight of the drivers were found to be impaired after an accident, and 33 were detected by traffic stops.

Another 25 drivers were charged following tips from concerned members of the public.

Police also say more than a third of the drivers (23) were at more than twice the legal blood-alcohol limit, and three others were at more than three times the limit of 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.

METRO

In numbers

11

The number of drivers who refused to have a breathalyzer and were subsequently charged.


GIFT OF
THE WEEK
Sweater
$19.95
H&M
MORE GIFTS AT HM.COM

Mother of 3 dead children faces murder charges



Sonia Blanchette arrives at the courthouse in Drummondville, Que., on Wednesday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec. An unsteady and dazed Sonia Blanchette makes first court appearance

The father of three dead children looked on impassively from the front row of a courtroom on Wednesday as their mother was charged with three counts of first-degree murder.

Sonia Blanchette appeared unsteady and dazed as she shuffled into the courtroom three days after the children were found dead.

When she arrived at the courthouse in the back of an unmarked police cruiser, Blanchette kept her head low and her hood up.

A court-appointed lawyer requested that she be evaluated to determine whether she is fit to face criminal charges.

Blanchette did not say a word during her arraignment and is scheduled to return to court on Dec. 14.

The children's father, Patrick Desautels, was surrounded by family as he took in the arraignment.

He did not say a word before entering or after leaving the courtroom.

The children's funeral will be held in Acton Vale on Saturday.

On Tuesday, Desautels said his family was in tremendous pain during a brief meeting with reporters.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

The investigation

Police began questioning Blanchette after her release from hospital on Wednesday.

- Police have yet to confirm how Anais, 2, Loic, 4 and Laurelie, 5 died.
- The three children were found dead at their home in Drummondville on Sunday.



South Africa. Life sentence for gunman in 2010 honeymoon killing

A South African judge sentenced the triggerman in the 2010 honeymoon slaying of a Swedish bride to life in prison Wednesday, calling the shooter "a merciless and evil person" who deserved the maximum punishment for his crime.

The sentencing of Xolile Mngeni for the killing of 28-year-old Anni Dewani comes as prosecutors still await word whether the newlywed's British husband, who they say orchestrated the November 2010 killing, will be extradited to South Africa to stand trial.

The bride's family, who attended the sentencing with a picture of her smiling pinned to their chests, said justice would only be done once husband Shrien Dewani stands before a South African court.

Judge Robert Henney, who found Mngeni guilty in November, did not hold back his contempt while sentencing the 25-year-old on Wednesday for the killing.

Henney said that the shooter showed no remorse and his longtime illnesses could not weigh against receiving the harshest penalty available by law.

Mngeni, who had surgery in June 2011 to remove a brain tumour, has suffered seizures and blackouts and has trouble remembering things, his lawyer has said.

In August, Mngeni's alleged accomplice Mziwamadoda Qwabe pleaded guilty to charges over the killing, receiving a 25-year prison sentence.

Zola Tongo, the taxi driver that police say husband Shrien Dewani asked to plot the killing, earlier received an 18-year prison sentence.

Both Tongo and Qwabe have said Dewani wanted it to look like he wasn't involved in his wife's slaying and they planned to have the attack look like a carjacking in Cape Town's impoverished Gugulethu township.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Me and my wife have not slept a full night since Anni left us."

Murder victim Anni Dewani's father Vinod Hindocha reacts to the sentencing of gunman Xolile Mngeni.



Xolile Mngeni gives his family members a thumbs-up after sentencing in a Cape Town court on Wednesday. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

TODAY ONLY



LORD & TAYLOR Cashmere

$59.99

Regular $149 to $169

V-neck, crewneck, turtleneck or cardigan. Over 20 colours. Exclusively Ours.

Shop thebay.com

Plus, save 55% all other LORD & TAYLOR cashmere and cashmere-blend sweaters

the Bay

CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE

Shop online at thebay.com

Be the first to know about our One Day Sale offers

- Sign up at thebay.com for email updates
- twitter.com/thehudsonsbayco
- facebook.com/hudsonsbaycompany
- Shazam our One Day Sale radio ads

$19.99



Introducing Yale, the 2012 Limited Edition Heritage Bear

Net proceeds from the sale of the Limited Edition Heritage Bear support the HBC Foundation, dedicated to improving the lives of Canadian children, women and families. *Shop thebay.com*

No rain checks and no price adjustments. No pre-orders or telephone orders. Offer available while quantities last. Cannot be combined with other offers. Selection may vary by store. Savings are off our regular prices unless otherwise specified. See in store for details.

How's Kate doing? Cheeky Aussie DJs fool U.K. hospital

Prank call. Radio pair from Down Under mimic royal accents and hear the pregnant duchess 'hasn't had any retching'



Pippa and James Middleton leave the London hospital after visiting their sister Kate.

DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

The hospital fell for it — royally.

Two Australian radio disc jockeys apologized Wednesday after impersonating Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles in a prank call that got a London hospital to tell them all about Kate Middleton's condition.

The 30-year-old Duchess of Cambridge is pregnant and is being treated at the King Edward VII hospital in London for severe morning sickness.

A woman using the often-mimicked voice of Britain's monarch asked after the duchess' health — and was told by a nurse that Kate "hasn't had any retching with me and she's been sleeping on and off."

"She's sleeping at the moment and she has had an uneventful night.

"She's been given some fluids. She's stable at the moment," the kindly nurse informed the supposed queen and prince on the station's recording.

A dog yaps in the background while the alleged queen and prince talk about travelling to the hospital to check in on the patient.

"I would suggest that any time after nine o'clock will be suitable to visit," the nurse said. "We'll be getting her freshened up."

Australian radio personalities Mel Greig and Michael Christian of 2DayFM later apologized for the hoax — along with their station.

"We were very surprised that our call was put through. We thought we'd be hung up on as soon as they heard our terrible accents," they said in a joint statement with the station.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Good news at last for mayor

Is that a triumphant look on the face of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford? He has just learned he can stay in office at least until mid-January in a conflict-of-interest case. Ontario Superior Court Justice Gladys Pardu on Wednesday granted him a stay of an earlier decision that would have forced him out of power early next week. This allows him to keep his job until a ruling is issued on his appeal.

CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bulldozing error

Hey, where's our lovely chateau?

Residents of a sleepy French village in Bordeaux have been left dumbfounded after discovering their local 18th-century chateau was completely bulldozed "by mistake."

The mayor's office in Yvrac said Wednesday that workers hired to renovate the grand 140,000-square-foot manor and raze a small building on the same estate in southwest France mixed them up.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Puerto Rico's test

Can Twitter keep you out of jail?

Puerto Rico has turned to Twitter in an experimental effort to help reduce the number of violent crimes.

Officials are allowing three male prison inmates to use a Twitter account and share their experiences of being in jail. The pilot program is dubbed "Follow me so you don't follow me."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



FLIGHT CENTRE® Unbeatable

Airfares

Orlando from $496

Toronto	from $480
New York	from $497
Cancun	from $599
Jamaica	from $690
Las Vegas	from $759
Costa Rica	from $829
Lima	from $1097
Buenos Aires	from $1199
London	from $1229
Tokyo	from $1369
Bangkok	from $1691

Vacations

London Valentine's Day Air + 6 Nights from $1267
INCLUDES Bayswater area accom near Kensington Palace. ADD Red Rover Thames hop-on hop-off from $16.

Costa Rica Air + 8 Day Self Drive Tour from $1579
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare to San Jose, compact car rental, central accom and most breakfasts while travelling the route of La Fortuna, Arenal Volcano and Manuel Antonio National Park.

Capetown Air + 9 Nights from $2214
INCLUDES accom at the foot of Table Mountain. UPGRADE to 4-star accom from $38 per night. ADD Winelands tour from $93.

Long Stays

Cancun Air + 21 Nights from $1579
INCLUDES accom at a beachfront resort in Cancun's hotel zone.

Costa Del Sol Air + 21 Nights from $1999
INCLUDES accom near the beach, with full kitchen.

All-inclusive Vacations

Varadero 7 Nights 4-Star from $874

Puerto Plata 7 Nights 4.5-Star	from $967
Cancun 7 Nights 4-Star	from $1212
Jamaica 7 Nights 4-Star	from $1255
Los Cabos 7 Nights 4-Star	from $1407

Canada

Toronto Air + 4 Nights 4-Star from $709
INCLUDES downtown accom. UPGRADE to 5-star accom from $31 per night. ADD multicultural Chinatown tour from $36.

Ottawa Air + 3 Nights from $589
INCLUDES downtown accom. ADD Museum of Civilization admission from $24.

USA

Orlando Family Special Air + 7 Nights from $579◊
INCLUDES central accom with free transportation to major attractions. UPGRADE to 4-star accom from $6 per day. Price per person based on family of 4. ADD *Walt Disney World* Resort 4-Day *Magic Your Way* Base Ticket from $273/adult, $255/child (ages 3-9).

Las Vegas Air + 3 Nights from $819
INCLUDES accom on the strip. UPGRADE to 4-star accom from $15 per night. ADD helicopter tour from $98.

Washington DC National Cherry Blossom Festival, Air + 3 Nights from $839
INCLUDES central accom near the US Capitol Building.

Florida Keys Air + 7 Nights + Car from $1149
INCLUDES Key Largo 1-bedroom accom and a 7-day car rental.

Kona Air + 7 Nights from $1599
INCLUDES accom in an oceanfront resort overlooking Kailua Bay.

LOWEST AIRFARE GUARANTEE

flightcentre.ca More great deals online!

Visit us in store. 170 stores across Canada.

TEXT Join our Insider Club for hot deals. Text YHZ to 131 600

24/7 1 866 485 7093 850 Travel Experts across Canada.

All advertised prices include taxes & fees.

Conditions apply. Ex: Halifax. All advertised prices include taxes & fees. Air only prices are per person for return travel unless otherwise stated. Package, cruise, tour, rail & hotel prices are per person, based on double occupancy for total length of stay unless otherwise stated. All-inclusive vacations include air. pp=per person. Prices are for select departure dates and are accurate and subject to availability at advertising deadline, errors and omissions excepted, and subject to change. Taxes & fees include transportation related fees, GST/HST and fuel supplements and are approximate and subject to change. ◊Price is per person based on quad occupancy (2 adults & 2 kids ages 2-17). †We will beat any written quoted airfare by $1 and give you a $20 voucher for future travel. "Fly Free" offer applies only where all "Lowest Airfare Guarantee" criteria are met but Flight Centre does not beat quoted price. Additional important conditions apply. For full terms and conditions visit www.flightcentre.ca/lowestairfareguarantee-flyfree.

CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

TODAY ONLY

Exclusive LANCÔME holiday gift sets *Shop thebay.com*

$95

Génifique
Génifique Youth Activating Concentrate, 30 ml
Génifique Eye Light-Pearl™, 20 ml
Value of $180





$33

Hypnôse Star Mascara
Hypnôse Star Mascara, 6.5 g (full size)
Le Crayon Khôl mini in Black, 0.7 g
Bi-Facil, 30 ml
Estimated value of $52

$61

Trésor Moments
Trésor Eau de Parfum, 50 ml (full size)
Trésor Lotion pour le Corps, 50 ml
Trésor Gel Douche, 50 ml
Estimated value of $122



the Bay

CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STORE

SHAZAM®

Shazam our One Day Sale radio ads.

Shop online at thebay.com

Be the first to know about our One Day Sale offers
Sign up at thebay.com for email updates
twitter.com/thehudsonsbayco
facebook.com/hudsonsbaycompany

No rain checks and no price adjustments. No pre-orders or telephone orders. Offer available while quantities last. Cannot be combined with other offers. Selection may vary by store. Savings are off our regular prices unless otherwise specified. See in store for details.

Manhunt. Authorities searching for 45 illegals smuggled into Canada

The hunt is on for 45 Romanian nationals smuggled into Canada.

Government officials said on Wednesday that the missing are among 85 people who entered the country illegally at intervals since February.

Authorities have rounded up 40 of them so far, and 30 of these were detained under new immigration-law provisions that saw the entire group designated as part of an "irregular arrival," or human-smuggling operation.

"We open our arms to true immigrants and true refugees who follow the rules," Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said at a news conference in Stanstead, Que., a border town that may have been the group's entry point. "We will not tolerate those who are abusing our generosity." THE CANADIAN PRESS

The way in

The first of five waves of Romanian nationals began arriving in February, officials said on Wednesday.

- The smuggling ring saw people travel to Mexico, cross illegally into the U.S., drive north to the border and sneak into Quebec.

Tuition battle

Student protester receives sentence

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, a Quebec protester found guilty of encouraging students to violate legal injunctions, has received 120 hours of community service. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sex-selection motion risks reopening abortion debate

Old wounds. Tory MP fears new technology may lead to abortion of female fetuses

If Canadians thought the last House of Commons debate around abortion was contentious, the next one is shaping up to be even more complicated and potentially a closer vote.

B.C. Conservative MP Mark Warawa is promoting a private member's motion that calls on the Commons to condemn the practice of sex selection. Sex selection occurs when a woman aborts a fetus — usually a female one — after determining the gender through an ultrasound.

Warawa said on Wednesday that his motion is about discrimination against women, rather than reproductive rights. It is not likely to come up for debate until March.

The father of two girls said he was compelled to act after watching a CBC investigative story last June. He doesn't have statistics on the prevalence in Canada.

"I think parliamentarians are faced with two choices: We either condemn this form of discrimination against women and girls or we endorse it," Warawa said, accompanied by 11 Tory colleagues.

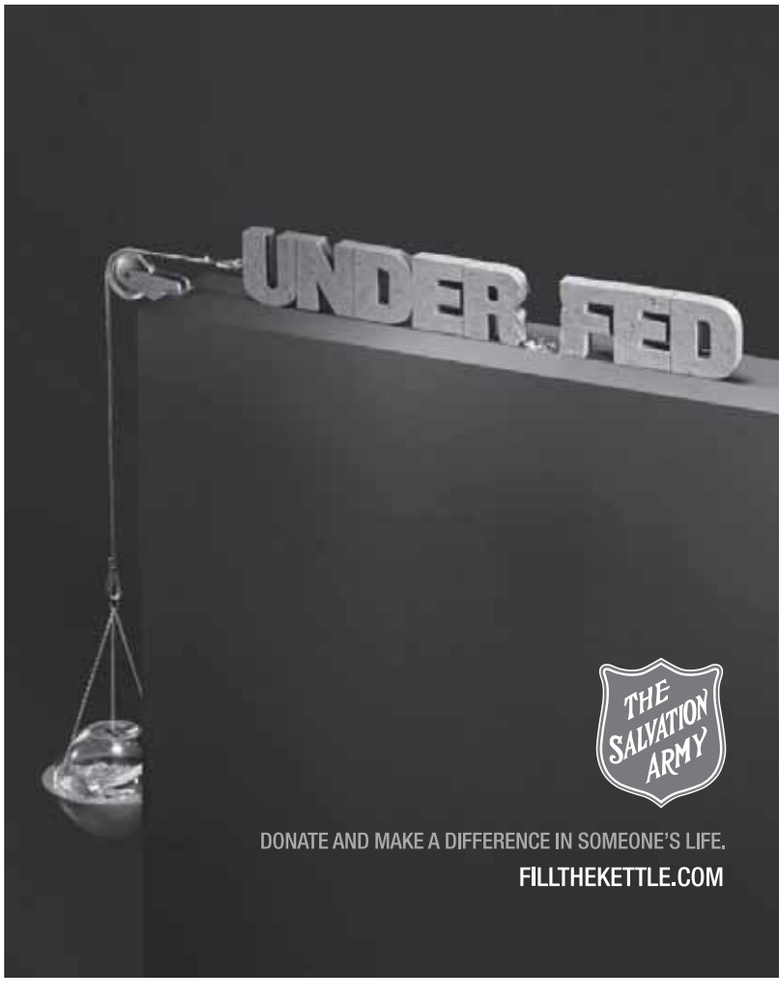


Conservative MP Stella Ambler hugs Mark Warawa on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday after he spoke about Motion 408, an anti-discrimination private member's bill against sex selection. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Although Warawa and his supporters would not concede a connection between the motion and the wider debate over restricting abortions, the Prime Minister's Office is doing just that.

"The government is opposed to opening this debate. Parliament has already voted on this issue," spokesman Carl Vallee said.

Despite Harper's unequivocal stand on the issue, Conservative MPs present a constant stream of petitions to limit abortion rights or change legislation. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Austria

Anonymity helps stop infanticide

An Austrian university says that the number of newborns deliberately killed within 24 hours of their birth has been cut by more than half in the country because of a 2001 law allowing mothers to remain anonymous during and after delivery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cross-border crime

48 nations tackle online child abuse

Forty-eight countries united on Wednesday in an alliance to fight sexual child abuse online, a crime that experts say is increasing at alarming rates.

The alliance will focus on identifying victims, prosecuting offenders, raising awareness and reducing the availability of child porn online, according to a joint declaration.

The countries will also work on exchanging information, expertise and training, said U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

"Those who would harm our children are not respecters of our national borders — we ... must not allow these borders to be impediments," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Living on for the lost

Five-month-old Lexie May Wade wears the medals of her father, Pte. Daniel Wade, who was killed in Afghanistan, as she watches the homecoming parade of 3 Yorks on Wednesday in York, England.

CHRISTOPHER FURLONG/GETTY IMAGES

MITSUBISHI MOTORS

GET A **$1,000 PREPAID MasterCard® CARD^**



MITSUBISHI'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

GIFT TO YOU!

- **$1,000 Prepaid MasterCard® card^**
- **Don't pay for 90 days***
- **Receive up to $4000 in Cash Incentives**
 OR
- **0% purchase financing for up to 84 months on select Mitsubishi vehicles◊**
- **10 year, 160,000 km Powertrain LTD Warranty****

2013 RVR ES

THE FUEL-EFFICIENT CROSSOVER

Out Our Door and in Your Driveway!

$0 DOWN

$149.69 BI-WEEKLY**



RVR GT model shown‡

TOP SAFETY PICK — Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

AWC — Available on RVR SE 4WD and GT models^

LANCER



OUTLANDER



SPORTBACK



ALL-ELECTRIC i-MiEV



10 YEAR 160,000 KM POWERTRAIN LTD WARRANTY** Best backed cars in the world*

LEARN MORE AT **MITSUBISHI-MOTORS.CA**

Offer(s) available on new 2012 and 2013 models purchased through participating dealers to qualified retail customers who purchase a new vehicle by January 2, 2013. Dealers may sell for less, some conditions apply. Offers are subject to change without notice. See dealer for complete details. ‡ 2012 RVR GT model shown has an MSRP of $29,998 and a selling price of $24,547.17 (GWP). Taxes, registration, insurance, licensing and duty on new tires are excluded. (Rest of Canada): Includes destination, delivery and levy. Taxes, PPSA and dealer fees of up to $599 are excluded. 4-WAY standard on RVR SE 4WD and GT. * Limited-time offer available on all new 2012/2013 vehicles through participating dealers to qualified retail customers until January 2, 2013. Offers are subject to change without notice. Some conditions apply. See dealer for details. MasterCard cards are issued by Citibank pursuant to a license by MasterCard International Incorporated. ® MasterCard is a registered trademark of MasterCard International Incorporated. ** No payments for 90 days is available on select new 2012 and 2013 models financed through Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Canada subvented financing programs on approved credit through participating dealers to qualified retail customers until January 2, 2013. Interest charges (if any) will not accrue during the first 60 days after purchase upon contract for a participating vehicle. After the first 60 days, interest (if any) starts to accrue and the purchaser will repay principal and interest (if any) from day over the term of the contract. See participating retailers for complete details. ◊ 0% purchase financing available through Bank of Montreal for up to 84 months on all new 2012 Outlander models and up to 72 months on select new 2012 RVR models (terms vary by model, see dealer for details). Representative example: 2012 RVR ES 2WD ($$20,498) Outlander ES 2WD ($$25,498) with $$6,582 in weekly payments of $$78.98/$$82.98 over 72/84 months equals a total obligation of $$6,886.60/$$10,864.32 and a cost of borrowing of $$1,750.30/$$3,832. Excludes taxes, registration, insurance, licensing and duty on new tires, direct of Canada): Includes up to $2,650 in freight, $250 in PDI, $800 in air tax, up to $30 in EHF. Excludes $35 duty on new tires, taxes, PPSA, registration, insurance, licensing, administration, up to $599 in other dealer fees and any additional government fees. ^ Best backed claim does not cover Lancer Evolution, Lancer Ralliart or i-MiEV. ® MITSUBISHI MOTORS, RISE BACKED CARS IN THE WORLD are trade-marks of Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. and are used under license. ** Whichever comes first. Regular maintenance not included. See dealer or mitsubishi-motors.ca for warranty terms, restrictions and details. Not all customers will qualify. ^^ Old our door and in your driveway is a promotion exclusively from Metro Mitsubishi with a purchase price of $25,498.52 includes freight of $1450 and add of $250 and all taxes and fees with $0 down financed @ 4.99% for 96 months w/a bi-weekly payment of $141.69 and a total obligation of $29,015.52

Metro **MITSUBISHI**

APPLY ONLINE FOR FAST APPROVALS: WWW.METROMITSUBISHI.CA
OR VISIT US @ 230 WYSE ROAD, DARTMOUTH
902 463-6792 OR 1 888-764-8623

METROMITSUBISHI.CA

MITSUBISHI MOTORS

Callous or cowed? No one tried to save man on tracks

Subway horror in N.Y.C. Did 'bystander effect' stop crowd from rushing to help man who was pushed to his death?

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News in London, U.K.

The ugly question is: Why?

Why did no one on a crowded subway platform in New York City help Ki-Suck Han when he was shoved onto the tracks to his death?

Blame it on the "bystander effect," a psychologist told Metro World News.

Or to put it another way, a "diffusion of responsibility" actually occurs, said Dr. Scott Bea of the Cleveland Clinic Main Campus in Cleveland, Ohio.

Another psychologist, Dr. Elizabeth Waterman, said the more people who see an event like this happen, the less likely they are to help a stranger.



Ki-Suck Han's widow, Serim Han, holds a picture of him at a New York news conference Wednesday. She's reported as saying they had an argument before the tragedy. She tried to phone him later, but he never picked up.
BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The pressure for people to take responsibility is diffused among the group of others, therefore, the individuals feel less pressure to help," said Waterman of Morningside Recovery Centers in Newport Beach, Calif.

Ki-Suck Han died on the tracks at the Times Square subway station.

A gruesome newspaper photo shows a solitary, tiny figure helplessly clawing at the platform as a Q train looms in the distance.

The New York Post ran the image on its cover, outraging many citizens.

Photographer R. Umar Abbasi defended himself Wednesday, saying he used his flash hoping the subway driver would see it and stop.

The suspect

A homeless man, 30-year-old Naeem Davis, was arrested Wednesday in the subway pushing death of Ki-Suck Han.

- **The video.** Security video showed a man fitting the suspect's description working with street vendors near Rockefeller Center, police said.
- **The charge.** Davis is in custody, facing a second-degree murder charge.

"The perp was running toward me. I was afraid he might push me onto the tracks," he wrote in the Post.

Bea said: "I would hypothesize that the photographer is trying to … rationalize his own behaviour ...

"The public will have a strong tendency to judge those who were present negatively without understanding the powerful nature of 'the bystander effect.'"

Vital questions. Expert tells of likely turmoil in the minds of onlookers

Psychologist Dr. Elizabeth Waterman told Metro World News what could have gone on inside the minds of the bystanders caught up in the New York City subway tragedy.

Q: The photographer claims there was 22 seconds between when the man fell and when he was crushed. Would there be any reason why people wouldn't step forward to help him within the "short" period of time?

A: They were possibly in shock and trying to process the events taking place. Also, the "bystander effect" likely played a role.

Q: The photographer is being faulted for not helping out and it looks like he is taking the brunt of the blame. What could he specifically be going through psychologically?

A: It seems as if he was trying to help the individual based on his explanation. However, I cannot say for sure. He may have acted on instinct and done what came automatically to him in the name of helping the individual.



Dr. Elizabeth Waterman says the crowd was possibly in shock.
CONTRIBUTED

Q: The photographer claims he took pictures in rapid succession so the flash would warn the train to stop, and he claims he feels he did his part and there were other people closer. Is this a common response (to blame other people for not helping)? Is it a defence mechanism?

A: Yes, people are likely to blame others when tragedy occurs and it can be a way to reduce personal feelings of guilt.

MICHELLE CASTILLO/METRO



GREAT YEAR END DEALS

CHEVROLET

BOXING DAYS

0%* FINANCING
FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS ON 2013 SILVERADO



2013 SILVERADO CREW CAB 4WD CHEYENNE EDITION

2013 Silverado Crew Cab LTZ shown.

LEASE $369 PER MONTH‡ AT 0.9% FOR 24 MONTHS
$2,600 DOWN PAYMENT
FREIGHT INCLUDED

MONTHLY	DOWN
$289	$4,505
$369	$2,600
$478	$0

PLUS UP TO $3,000† CASH FOR CLUNKERS

DO YOUR PART FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY UPGRADING YOUR OLD VEHICLE TO A NEW PICKUP.

Recycle your 2006 model year or older vehicle and receive up to $3,000† towards the cash purchase, financing or leasing of an eligible 2012 or 2013 Chevy Silverado.



2012 EQUINOX

UP TO $3,500 IN CASH CREDITS**

PLUS FINANCE 2.99% UP TO 84 MONTHS‡‡



2012 ORLANDO

UP TO $5,500 IN CASH CREDITS**

VISIT YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER TODAY for a FIRST LOOK AT OUR 2013 MODELS

GM CANADA

THE BEST COVERAGE IN CANADA
5 YEARS / 160,000 KM* • POWERTRAIN COMPONENT LIMITED WARRANTY • ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE • COURTESY TRANSPORTATION
*WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. EXCLUDES MEDIUM-DUTY TRUCKS. SEE DEALER FOR LIMITED WARRANTY DETAILS.

GM Student Bonus — Save up to $750 on an eligible new GM Vehicle!■■

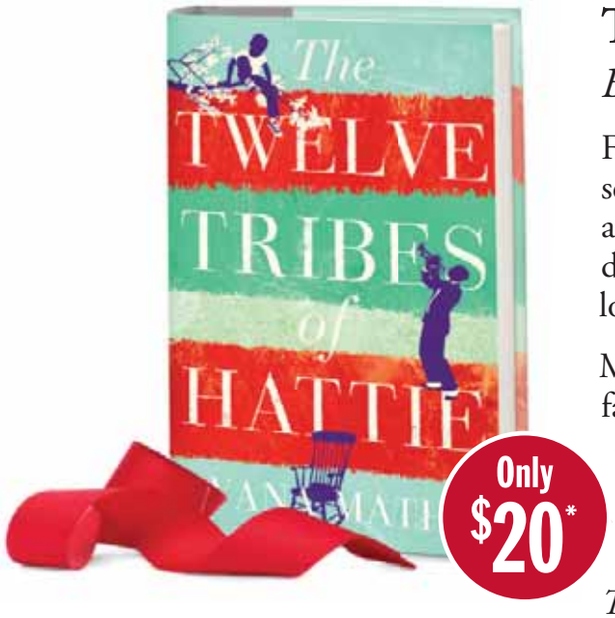
On

ATLANTICCHEVROLET.CA

For the latest information, visit us at chevrolet.ca, drop by your local Chevrolet dealer or call us at 1-800-GM-DRIVE. * 0% purchase financing offered on approved credit by Ally Credit/TD Auto Financing Services/Scotiabank for up to 60 months on 2013 Silverado. Rates from other lenders will vary. Down payment, trade and/or security deposit may be required. Monthly payment and cost of borrowing will vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. Example: $10,000 at 0% APR, the monthly payment is $208.33 for 48 months. Cost of borrowing is $0, total obligation is $10,000. Offer is unconditionally interest-free. Freight ($1,500), license, insurance, registration, applicable taxes and fees not included. ‡ Based on a 24 month lease for new or demonstrator 2013 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab 4WD Cheyenne Edition. Annual kilometer limit of 20,000km, $0.16 per excess kilometer. OAC by FinancialLinx Corporation. Lease APR may vary depending on down payment/trade. For representative lease with $2,600 down payment and a $0 security deposit, the monthly payment is $369 for 24 months, with option to purchase at lease end $22,418.00 for 2013 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab 4WD Cheyenne Edition. Other lease options available. ** $3,500/$5,500 is a manufacturer-to-dealer delivery credit (tax exclusive) for 2012 Chevrolet Equinox/Orlando. Credit will impact the effective APR for finance customers. † To qualify for GMCL's Cash For Clunkers incentive, you must: (1) turn in a 2006 or older MY vehicle that is in running condition and has been registered and properly insured in your name for the last 3 months (2) turn in a 2006 or older MY vehicle that is in running condition and has been registered and properly insured under a small business name for the last 3 months. GMCL will provide eligible consumers with a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive) to be used towards the purchase/finance/lease of a new eligible 2012 or 2013 MY Chevrolet Colorado, GMC Canyon, Chevrolet Silverado, GMC Sierra, or Chevrolet Avalanche delivered between October 2, 2012 and January 2, 2013. Incentive ranges from $1,500 to $3,000, depending on model purchased. Incentive may not be combined with certain other offers. By participating in the Cash For Clunkers program you will not be eligible for any trade-in value for your vehicle. ‡‡ 2.99% purchase financing offered on approved credit by Ally Credit/TD Auto Financing Services/Scotiabank for up to 84 months on Equinox. Rates from other lenders will vary. Down payment, trade and/or security deposit may be required. Monthly payment and cost of borrowing will vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. Example: $10,000 at 0% APR, the monthly payment is $208.33 for 48 months. Cost of borrowing is $0, total obligation is $10,000. Offer is unconditionally interest-free. Freight ($1,495), license, insurance, registration, applicable taxes and fees not included. ■■ Eligible students or recent graduates receive a Student Bonus credit of $500 or $750 (tax inclusive) (credit amount depends on vehicle purchased) to use towards the purchase or lease of one eligible new 2011/2012 Chevrolet, Buick, GMC or Cadillac vehicle delivered between January 4, 2012 and January 3, 2013. ‡ ** ‡‡ ■■ Limited time offers that may not be combined with other offers and may change without notice. Dealers are free to set individual prices. Dealer trade may be required. GMCL (or TD Auto Financing Services/Ally Credit/Scotiabank, where applicable) may modify, extend or terminate this offer, in whole or in part, at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See your GM dealer for details.

Heather's Pick

Another great book personally chosen by Indigo's
Chief Booklover and CEO Heather Reisman.



The Twelve Tribes of Hattie

By Ayana Mathis

From its devastating first chapter to its perfect last sentence, *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* never ceases to astonish. Ayana Mathis' first novel is one of the strongest debuts of 2012, and will be talked about, shared and loved for years to come.

Mathis tells the story of Hattie Shepherd as she and her family navigate, negotiate, and survive the twentieth century. Each chapter moves from child to child, and through them Mathis paints a portrait of a mother who has sacrificed everything, not for her children's happiness, but for their mere existence. *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* is an accomplishment in that even while Mathis shows us the depths of selfishness, cruelty, and betrayal, she finds moments to let a ray of light shine through dirty windows. She allows her characters to be real – infuriatingly and often tragically real – but so real that you'll be frustrated at their failings and joyful at their moments of quiet optimism.

The Twelve Tribes of Hattie is a book that will live with you long after the last page. It is a book that showcases the talent of a powerful new voice in fiction, and it is certainly a book that deserves to be on everyone's list this holiday.

I loved, loved, loved this book.

It's our friends & family event in-store and online
until Sunday! Visit indigo.ca for your coupon.

Indigo

Enrich your life™

Indigo Chapters indigo.ca

Connect with us /chaptersindigo

*Valid for a limited time, while quantities last. Offer may change or end at any time without notice. ™Indigo Books & Music Inc.

Car scam? U.S. regulators warn Canadians of non-existent dealership

American regulators have issued a warning about a car scam originating in Oklahoma that appears to be targeting Canadians looking for great deals.

The warning is about Ambient Auto Centre, which has been advertising high-end, late-model vehicles on several Canadian websites at prices well below normal.

The catch, according to Canadian and American regulators, is that Ambient doesn't appear to exist much beyond having an elaborate website.

"It's just a complete scam," John Cobb, an investigator with the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission, said on Wednesday.

"They're trying to get a victim on the hook to wire them the money for a vehicle."

The company promises to ship the vehicle, but Cobb said that won't happen and the buyer would simply be out any money sent.

The Canadian sites on which Ambient advertises include Autotrader, Wheels, eBay, Craigslist, Kijiji and Autocatch.

In an interview from Oklahoma City, Cobb said the scam appears to be aimed solely north of the U.S. border, and inquiries about Ambient have come in from across Canada. "You've got to do research, research, research," said Terry O'Keefe with the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council.

He warned consumers to take extra precautions when buying a vehicle online.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Ambient Auto Centre'

Inquiries about Ambient began arriving at Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission in mid-October. When they couldn't find a dealer by that name, officials went to visit the dealership at the listed address. It turned out to be an empty field.

- Ambient's website boasts the "largest selection of used luxury cars" but photographs of vehicles appear ripped off from other car dealers, and testimonials appear fabricated. An industry spokesman said it's imperative to confirm a seller's identity.

Legal language update

Word lunatic removed from U.S. laws

The word lunatic will be stricken from U.S. federal law under legislation that passed on Wednesday and is headed to President Barack Obama for signature.

The congressional action is the latest effort to remove language from the U.S. code that has become outdated or demeaning. Two years ago, Congress took out references in federal law to the term mental retardation.

The House of Representatives voted 398-1 to make the change.

The lone no vote was cast by Texas Republican Louie Gohmert, who said the most pressing issue is saving the U.S. from bankruptcy.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guatemala City

McAfee arrested in Guatemala

Software company founder John McAfee has been arrested in Guatemala City apparently for entering the country illegally. The interior minister said he was detained at a hotel. McAfee said he had formally requested asylum in Guatemala.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Hit stage musical Spamalot sued by movie producer

Pedestrians walk under the marquee of the Broadway show Monty Python's Spamalot at the Shubert Theatre in New York in this 2008 photo. A producer of the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail is suing the comedy troupe over royalties from the hit stage musical Spamalot. Producer Mark Forstater wants a bigger share of proceeds from the show, which is based on the 1975 movie spoof of the legend of King Arthur.

CRAIG RUTTLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



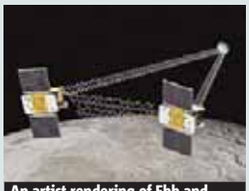
Gravity mapping

Moon's crust more battered, thinner than once thought

The moon took quite a beating in its early days, more than previously believed, scientists reported Wednesday.

This surprising new view of the moon comes from detailed gravity mapping by twin spacecraft, which slipped into orbit around the celestial body earlier this year.

Evidence of a highly-fractured lunar interior just below the surface suggests that other rocky planets, including Earth, would have suffered similar bombardment from space rocks early in their history.



An artist rendering of Ebb and Flow. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Measurements by the NASA spacecraft called Ebb and Flow also found that the moon's crust is much thinner than believed — only about 40 kilometres thick.

Though past missions have measured lunar gravity — about one-sixth of Earth's pull — Ebb and Flow are the first spacecraft dedicated to this pursuit.

To collect data, the washing machine-size spacecraft flew in formation, orbiting about 56 kilometres above the moon's surface. Their positions allowed them to peer deep into the moon.

The spacecraft also managed to see landforms on the moon in greater detail than before, including volcanoes, basins and craters.

The mission is scheduled to end later this month when Ebb and Flow crash into the moon.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Astronaut faces year on space station

An American first. Mission intended as a test for trip to Mars

NASA astronaut Scott Kelly is already bracing for an unprecedented one-year mission aboard the International Space Station. He figures it will be as gruelling as climbing Mount Everest.

"It's fun when you're done with it, not while you're doing it," Kelly said Wednesday, barely a week after being named to the marathon flight along with Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko.

The mission, which is set to begin in 2015, is intended as a medical test bed for even longer Mars expeditions in the decades ahead.

Space station life can be routine, Kelly noted during a news conference.

"In the morning, you wake up, you're at work. When you go to sleep, you're also at work. So imagine being in your office for a whole year and you never get to leave," he said.

Dr. Igor Ushakov, director of the Institute for Biological Problems in Moscow, warned that the medical risks of zero gravity will be at least double what they are on the more typical six-month mission.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Endurance record

Kelly will set a U.S. space endurance record with this mission. No American has spent more than seven months in space at a time.

- **Russia,** however, can boast four cosmonauts with at least one uninterrupted year in space.
- **The world record** is held by Dr. Valery Polyakov at 14 months.



A star-spangled landscape

In this NASA image, the United States and part of Canada is seen at night via composite data acquired by the new Suomi NPP satellite in April and October. The image was made possible by technology that can observe dim signals such as city lights, gas flares, auroras and wildfires. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Set adrift. NASA today seems lost in space: Report

NASA doesn't have a clear sense of where it is going, an independent panel of science and engineering experts said in a stinging report Wednesday.

The space shuttles are now museum pieces. Few people are paying attention to the International Space Station, and American astronauts have to rely on Russian spaceships to get there and back. Meanwhile, rocket-building is being outsourced to private companies, and a commercial venture plans to send people to the moon by the end of the decade.

The report by a panel of the distinguished National Academy of Sciences doesn't blame the space agency; it faults the president, Congress and the nation for not giving NASA better direction.

Academy panel member Bob Crippen, a retired NASA manager and astronaut who piloted the first space shuttle mission, said he has never seen the space agency so adrift.

NASA spokesman David Weaver defended the agency, listing in an email several clear projects, including efforts to develop a heavy-duty rocket and crew capsule capable of taking astronauts into deep space.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Rich developing nations spar over climate change

Pollution. While the UN says rich countries are mostly to blame, the U.S. and the EU point out China is now the world's top carbon polluter

Rich countries are to blame for climate change and should take the lead in forging a global climate pact by 2015, a deadline that "must be met," the head of the United Nations said on Wednesday.

On the sidelines of international climate talks in Qatar, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said it was "only fair and reasonable that the developed world should bear most of the responsibility" in fighting the gradual warming of the planet.

Ban's comments echoed the concerns of China and other developing countries, which say rich nations have a historical responsibility for global warming because their factories released carbon emissions into the atmosphere long before the climate effects were known.

"The climate change phenomenon has been caused by the industrialization of the developed world," Ban said.

Many rich nations including the U.S. and European Union say the firewall between developed and developing countries that has guided the two-decade-old climate process in the past no longer reflects the world today and isn't helpful in dealing with the problem.

Most of the emissions now come from the developing world, and China has overtaken the U.S. to become the world's top carbon polluter.

How to divide the burden of emission cuts is at the core of discussions to create a new global climate treaty that would apply to all nations. The only binding pact so far, the Kyoto Protocol, covers only the emissions of industrialized countries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Struggling through snowy Stockholm

People struggle against the wind and drifting snow in Stockholm on Wednesday. Forecasters have issued a Class 2 storm warning for central and southern Sweden, saying Stockholm could face up to 30 centimetres of snow. Traffic was also hit hard, with Sweden's main airport coming more or less to a standstill, delaying the anticipated arrival of some of this year's Nobel Prize laureates. Wednesday was the planned arrival date for most of the Nobel luminaries, who will participate in several events before they pick up their prizes at a ceremony in Stockholm on Dec. 10. ANDERS WIKLUND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Driver's ed. Stray dogs taught how to drive will show off skills on live TV

It was about three weeks into the dogs' five weeks of training when Mark Vette knew he could teach them to drive a car.

The animal trainer and his team, whose film credits include The Chronicles of Narnia, are confident that rescue dogs Monty, Ginger and Porter will be able to pilot a modified Mini Countryman for about 100 metres on their own.

Showtime is Monday evening, New Zealand time, on live television.

They've been trained as part of a campaign by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to prove that stray dogs are, in Vette's words, "just as smart as the $1,500 dogs pumped out from puppy mills that are badly bred."

Monty, dumped at the SPCA by his owners, had behavioural problems. Porter was found wandering the streets of Auckland. Ginny had been seized by authorities when she was discovered, emaciated and terrified, locked in a bathroom.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



The SPCA has developed a doggie driver's-ed program to prove that stray dogs can be trained just as well as purebreds. SCREENSHOT

RBC Royal Bank

Want a great **short-term** mortgage rate?





EU slams screen producers with $1.9B cartel fine

Brussels. 'There are victims — millions and millions of citizens,' says EU antitrust chief

The European Union on Wednesday imposed its biggest-ever cartel fine of about $1.9 billion on seven companies for fixing the market of television and computer-monitor tubes.

The EU's Commission ruled that, for a decade ending in 2006, the companies — including Philips, LG Electronics and Panasonic — artificially set prices, shared markets and restricted their output at the expense of millions of consumers.

EU antitrust commissioner Joaquin Almunia said that the companies' actions "feature all the worst kinds of anticompetitive behaviour that are strictly forbidden to companies doing business in Europe."



Joaquin Almunia, European commissioner for competition speaks in Brussels after the EU issued its largest-ever cartel fine. YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tubes were the essential part of television screens and computer monitors before they were replaced by LCD and plasma flatscreens. The cathode-ray tubes accounted for up to 70 per cent of the cost of a screen, the commission said.

Alumina added that the tubes' cost gave "an indication of the serious harm" the companies had caused. "There are victims — millions and millions of citizens."

Philips and LG Electronics, which acted jointly and separately, were fined a combined $1.3 billion; Panasonic was punished with a $203 million fine, adding up to more if combined fines and affiliates were included.

Despite its co-operation with the Commission probe, Philips said in a statement it planned to appeal the fine since it considered it "disproportionate and unjust."

Other companies fined were Samsung SDI, Technicolor, MTPD and Toshiba. Chunghwa of Taiwan escaped fines as it was the first to reveal the cartel to the EU. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



CRTC takes on Oprah

Oprah Winfrey appears at an interview with Late Show host David Letterman at his alma mater, Ball State University, in Muncie, Ind., on Nov. 26. Canada's federal broadcast regulator is taking on the television queen with a hearing next Tuesday into whether her Canadian network's programming fits the channel's educational mandate. Corus Entertainment Inc., which holds the licence for Oprah Winfrey Network in this country, said that nothing in the channel's licensing requirements prevents educational content from being "entertaining and engaging." MICHAEL CONROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Real estate

Group launches takeover bid for mall owner

A consortium led by King-Sett Capital and including the Ontario Pension Board has launched a $4.4-billion takeover offer for Primaris Retail Real Estate Investment Trust, one of Canada's largest shopping mall owners. The deal, if successful, would also see RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust buy five regional malls and three other shopping centres currently owned by Primaris for $1.1 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

DOLLAR 100.84¢ (+0.16¢)

TSX 12,157.29 (+20.11)

OIL $87.88 US (-62¢)

GOLD $1,693.80 US (-$2)

Natural gas: $3.69 US (+15¢)
Dow Jones: 13,034.49 (+82.71)



You'll have 96,000 people counting on you everyday.

Manager, Bus Maintenance

Metro Transit is currently recruiting a Manager, Bus Maintenance who can manage a multi-million dollar budget, and has the enthusiasm and initiative to run a large maintenance operation, plan strategy, and still be well-grounded enough to understand the ins and outs of keeping an award-winning fleet on the road.

The Manager, Bus Maintenance, is responsible to provide a safe, efficient and reliable transit bus fleet. He/she will look after daily maintenance and service of Metro Transit's fleet of over 300 vehicles, the development and implementation of a preventative maintenance program, a major transit facility, equipment maintenance, major component rebuild, and new fleet acquisitions.

As a key member of the management team, the Manager contributes to long term strategies, while also fostering productive relationships with federal and provincial agencies/regulators as well as other stakeholders and Regional Council. The position is also responsible for the management of non-union and unionized employees, adherence of collective agreements, corporate policies and operating procedures.

Education and Experience

- A degree in Business Administration or equivalent combination of training and experience (such as; a two year college diploma in maintenance or business administration with four years of related experience or eight years of related experience managing in a maintenance environment).
- Minimum five to seven years of leadership experience in a unionized maintenance environment
- Knowledge of relevant Motor Vehicle legislation and fleet management practices
- Ability to convey complex technical information to a diverse audience, in person or other forms

Salary: M4 Non-Union - $85,000 - $120,000, commensurate with education and experience
Closing Date: December 21, 2012
To apply: www.halifax.ca/jobs

An online questionnaire must be completed in order to be considered for this position. As an Employment Equity employer, the Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking to increase the representation of qualified racially visible persons, women in non-traditional positions, persons with disabilities and Aboriginal persons in the workplace. HRM encourages applicants to self-identify. Qualified HRM retirees may also be considered for competitions if other qualified candidates are not available, and the retiree possesses specialized knowledge and/or a unique skill set not otherwise available. In these circumstances, a form of employment may be offered, including term and/or contract employment.

MetroTransit halifax.ca/jobs HALIFAX Regional Municipality



Dramatic turnaround

CBC gets top marks from Information Commissioner

The CBC has moved to the head of the class in the federal information watchdog's books. The public broadcaster received an A for its handling of Access to Information requests in 2011-12, up from an F for its performance two years ago.

Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault will release the latest report cards for the CBC and Canada Post on Thursday.

A copy of the CBC's assessment, obtained by The Canadian Press, says the broadcaster has made "dramatic improvements" since getting the failing grade for its 2009-10 efforts.

The access law allows people who pay $5 to seek access to federal files ranging from expense reports and email messages to briefing notes and internal audits. Federal departments and agencies are supposed to respond to requests within 30 days, but often take much longer — sometimes missing their own extended deadlines.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRTC denies request to review Telus's foreign ownership

Telecom. Regulator says it's satisfied with way Vancouver firm complies with requirements

The CRTC has decided not to review the level of foreign ownership in Vancouver telecom company Telus Corp., saying Telus is following the compliance rules.

The telecom regulator said Tuesday that it has denied a request by new wireless competitor Wind Mobile to review foreign ownership of Telus.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission said it's satisfied with Telus's mechanisms to comply with foreign ownership requirements, which must not exceed 33.3 per cent.

Wind Mobile failed to demonstrate that Telus's board of directors had any reason to question information received about the level of foreign ownership, the CRTC said in its written decision. "Further, the commission is satisfied that Telus's mechanisms for ensuring its compliance are consistent with the provisions and requirements established in the regulations," the CRTC said.

The CRTC also said the onus is on carriers at all times to ensure they are complying with foreign ownership limits.

"The commission notes that the regulations establish the type of documentation required to demonstrate a shareholder's Canadian status. They also establish that, before taking any additional action, the carrier's board of directors must have information that causes it to believe that the declarations it has received are incorrect."

Telus spokesman Shawn Hall said Wednesday the decision verifies that Telus's foreign ownership controls are effective. "The issue that Globalive put forward simply didn't exist," he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



The CRTC has turned down a request by Wind Mobile to review Telus's foreign ownership.
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

By the numbers

32.6%

When Toronto-based Globalive — the parent company of wireless carrier Wind Mobile — made the complaint last summer, Telus had reported that its foreign ownership was 32.6 per cent. More recently, Telus said its foreign ownership had dropped to about 15 per cent, largely due to a U.S.-based hedge fund selling a chunk of its stake in the company.

Want a great **long-term** mortgage rate?



FLIGHT CENTRE® Unbeatable

Cancun Long Stay, Air + 21 Nights
from $1579
INCLUDES accom at a beachfront resort in Cancun's hotel zone.

1 866 967 5402 | flightcentre.ca

Conditions apply. Ex: Halifax. All advertised prices include taxes & fees. Air only prices are per person for return travel unless otherwise stated. Package, cruise, tour, rail & hotel prices are per person, based on double occupancy for total length of stay unless otherwise stated. All-inclusive vacations include air. pp=per person. Prices are for select departure dates and are accurate and subject to availability at advertising deadline, errors and omissions excepted, and subject to change. Taxes & fees include transportation related fees, GST/HST and fuel supplements and are approximate and subject to change.

WagJag.com

GET DEALS ON THE GO!
iPhone app Android app



Save 61% OFF MANICURE AND PEDICURE
$29 FOR A SPA MANICURE AND SPA PEDICURE FROM MK HAIR AND ESTHETICS (A $75 VALUE)
MK HAIR AND ESTHETICS

MORE GREAT DAILY DEALS,
- Up to 70% off National Geographic Magazines for Kids
- 55% off Remote Control F1 Racing Car
- 52% off Online Cooking Classes

Sign up AND START SAVING, TODAY!
Visit WagJag.com
Follow us facebook.com/wagjag @wagjag

WagJag Grocery



Buy For: $14
60% OFF KELLOGG'S® SPECIAL K® BUNDLE
Visit us online at:
WWW.WAGJAG.COM/GROCERY

I'VE GOT THE HYPERBOLIC PLAGUE, AND THERE'S NO KNOWN CURE



HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
metronews.ca

I'm sick.

Not in the fun movie way where you get to take over cities and fight with Batman or Spider-Man.

Not in the whisky-commercial way where you whisper something amazing to your blond friend and her eyes go all wide because you're so darn naughty, you five-o'clock-shadowed bad boy.

And (this is the worst part) not even in the cough-cough cold-flu way where I get to admit that, yes, men are wimps and women are warriors and that's fine so long as I get some chicken soup and a pat on the head, many thanks.

No, instead I get to be sick in the way where you have a bunch of disparate symptoms and the doctors run tests and poke you with sticks and grimace at their clipboards before finally saying that your problem is "idiosymptomatic," which is doctorese for "I don't know. What do *you* think?"

Immune-system overdrive

My skin responds to soap as if it's a bar of plague (99.44 per cent pestilent), and to my clothes as if it's No. 30 sandpaper. You could get a reasonable steam going if I were to lie down in the middle of a sauna and you poured water on my groin.

Fortunately, I have a theory. I think, after many years of working in the businesses of newspapers, radio and the Internet, that I've become infected with the media.

I'll explain. My symptoms point to some sort of autoimmune problem, which sounds like I'm impervious to the War on the Car, but actually means that my body overreacts to everything.

For instance, my immune system is fighting a major battle on my face right now. I'm not sure what's at stake, but my nose appears to be a strategic ridge of some sort, perhaps as a lookout for the vast expanse of cheek that lies beyond. Sometimes I swear I can hear a little voice yell, "Charge!" though that may just be the mild fever.

My skin responds to soap as if it's a bar of plague (99.44 per cent pestilent), and to my clothes as if it's No. 30 sandpaper. You could get a reasonable steam going if I were to lie down in the middle of a sauna and you poured water on my groin.

On top of all that, previous illnesses have taught me that my blood clots too well. I'm a superhero, basically, though one of those anarchist ones who responds with disproportionate force.

Which brings me back to my theory that I've been infected with media: I don't mean that I've hooked up with Jennifer in the sports department or anything — I just mean that, after years spent in media organizations, my immune system has responded to problems like a typical journalist.

If a normal person noticed one bad thing in society — a stabbing, say — he'd call it an unfortunate fluke. Two instances, a coincidence. Three, a cause for concern.

But if a journalist notices one bad thing in society, it's a "tragedy." Two problems is a "rash." Three problems is an "epidemic." As you can see, we've been using medical terms all along.

I'm sure if you were to take a microscope and look into my bloodstream, you'd see a bunch of T cells wearing press hats and carrying notebooks, scurrying around in a panicked clot asking frantic questions in unison, ostensibly at invading viruses but often at nothing — or at a red blood cell shaped like a celebrity.

Happily, I know the best way to shut down a journalist. I plan to get ego massages until this problem subsides.

My gut tells me it's Christmas soon



ALEX GREENHOUGH AND PALOMA ORDONEZ MORAN/UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Science photography

Snowy close-up of human intestine

This Christmas scene, reminiscent of festive trees, is in fact an extreme close-up of a human intestine. It was captured by Alex Greenhough and Paloma Ordonez Moran of the University of Bristol, U.K., who are researching colorectal cancer. The "snow" was added by the scientists using a photo-editing program. METRO

Q&A

Image was 'a bit of fun'

What is this image?
Alex Greenhough: It's a study of the human intestine using a confocal microscope, to detect the presence of certain proteins and cell nuclei in the organ.

More specifically, my colleague and I are studying the protein beta-catenin to understand why it sometimes becomes deregulated in cells of the intestine and why it leads to the development of colorectal cancer.

By doing this research, we hope to further the understanding of cellular mechanisms that determine whether cells become cancerous, which we hope will lead to new opportunities for cancer prevention and therapy.

But this image seems more than science to you.
AG: Yes, the organized crypt-villus structures (of the intestine) in the image reminded me of Christmas trees. When I heard about the university's Art of Science photo competition, I remembered the image we had captured during our research, so I quickly decorated the trees with snow (white) and baubles (red) using Photoshop software as a bit of fun.

What do you hope the audience will take away from your image?
AG: That scientists are imaginative and artistic, and not the stereotypical eccentrics in white coats. METRO

Metropolitan Panel

Register at metropolitanpanel.ca and take the quick poll

Would you pay $7 for Starbucks' new 'Geisha' bean coffee?



Twitter

@PremierDexter: 30 building cranes at work around Halifax. Great to see since in NS, the building crane had become almost an endangered species. #nspoli

@Morgan_EpicFail: "Oh you're in downtown Halifax and wanted to use a umbrella yeah I don't think so" said the wind. So typical.

@jor_arsenault: "Halifax and Edmonton had the second and third highest murder rates" I'm gonna die next year.... #help

@NaaomyBeaulieu: Going to my first Edmonton Oil Kings game Friday! Should I wear my Halifax Mooseheads Jersey or not? #Indecisive

@Krisbduck: A Christmas Carol as you have never seen it before on at the Halifax Playhouse until Saturday 8th

metro
President Bill McDonald • **Vice-President & Group Publisher, Metro Eastern Canada** Greg Lutes • **Editor-in-Chief** Charlotte Empey • **Deputy Editor** Fernando Carneiro • **National Deputy Editor, Digital** Quin Parker • **Managing Editor, Halifax** Philip Croucher • **Managing Editor, News & Business** Amber Shortt • **Managing Editor, Life & Entertainment** Dean Lisk • **Vice-President, Sales** Quin Millar • **Regional Sales Director, Metro Eastern Canada** Dianne Curran • **Distribution Manager** April Doucette • **Vice-President, Business Ventures** Tracy Day • **Vice-President, Creative** Jeff Smith • **Vice-President, Marketing & Interactive** Jodi Brown • **Vice-President, Finance** Phil Jameson • **METRO HALIFAX** • 3260 Barrington St., Unit 102, Halifax NS B3K 0B5 • **Telephone:** 902-444-4444 • **Fax:** 902-422-5610 • **Advertising:** 902-421-5824 • adinfohalifax@metronews.ca • **Distribution:** halifax_distribution@metronews.ca • **News tips:** halifax@metronews.ca • **Letters to the Editor:** halifaxletters@metronews.ca

RBC Royal Bank

Great mortgage rates. **Plus more.**

2.99%
3-Year Fixed Rate[1]

and great rates in between

3.59%
7-Year Fixed Rate[1]

Short-term flexibility, long-term stability and everything in between.

- Up to 120 day rate guarantee[1]
- We'll cover your switching costs[2]
- Flexible pre-payment options
- Home Equity Credit Line at Prime + 1/2% (Prime + 1% at other banks)[3]
- Canada's largest mortgage specialist team – advice that comes to you



Speak with an RBC Royal Bank® mortgage specialist today.
1-866-864-0420

Advice you can bank on™

[1] These rates are special discounted rates below our posted rate and are only available on mortgage applications that fund within 120 days of the start date of the application. Terms and conditions apply. Not available on construction draw mortgages. These rate offers may be changed, withdrawn or extended at any time, without notice. Not available in combination with any other offer or rate discount. Other terms and conditions apply. The Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is based on a $200,000 mortgage and a mortgage processing fee of $250. Fee may vary depending upon type of property and location. For 2.99%, 3 year fixed rate offer, APR is 3.04%. For 3.59%, 7 year fixed rate offer, APR is 3.61%. [2] We will pay the basic title insurance fee, processing fee and one discharge fee (up to $300 maximum). Offer excludes mortgage prepayment charges that you may have to pay. Minimum advance $50,000. [3] The interest rate will fluctuate with the Prime Rate and is subject to change at any time without notice. These rates can be changed, withdrawn or extended at any time without notice. Residential mortgages are offered by Royal Bank of Canada and are subject to its standard lending criteria. ®/™ Trademark(s) of Royal Bank of Canada. RBC and Royal Bank are registered trademarks of Royal Bank of Canada.

Local artists join forces to create an eclectic buzz

Quattro. Talented Halifax foursome organizes exhibit in hopes of inspiring others to showcase their work



BACKSTAGE PASS
Jenna Conter
halifax@metronews.ca

The phrase opposites attract is true in relationships, magnetic energy, Paula Abdul songs and now it's the platform for four local artists.

Shelagh Duffett, Joel Sullivan, Lori MacDonald, and Daina Scarola, fellow artists at the Halifax Seaport Market, together make Quattro, an exhibit that opens Thursday night at The Chase Gallery.

"The first name of the show was Elemental, representing the four elements, and Quattro is the four of us," Duffett said. "We're so different but we work so well together so we think the show will work."

Duffett creates folk art on canvas with bright colours, depicting charming scenes with a jovial appeal.

Scarola, according to Duffett, followed her passion to the coast.

Details

- **Quattro opens Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Chase Gallery in The Nova Scotia Archives Building 6016 University Ave. It will be on display until Dec. 31.**



Joel Sullivan's art will be on display at the Chase Gallery as a part of the Quattro exhibit. JENNA CONTER/METRO

"It was her dream to move near the ocean," she said. "She creates ocean-related works and has been doing it successfully ever since."

With a family trade that spans the generations, MacDonald utilizes trade secrets to create woodwork that, according to Sullivan, takes the craft to a new level.

"She sees images in the grain that makes a scene or a landscape into the wood," said Sullivan.

Sullivan is the man who molds the metal. A crowd pleaser at the market, Sullivan, can create anything from found, scrap metal.

An artistic venture that not only opens the door for a great Captain Planet reference, it also gives the public a taste of the world-class art that is being produced in our own backyard — Quattro hopes to inspire more independent, local artists to produce their own shows.

"I think it's really great to know you participated on a local level," he said. "Everyone wants to be internationally renowned but at the same time to have participated in the local scene (and hopefully have added something to it over the years) is a good thing."



Olympia Dukakis gets feisty in Cloudburst

Role hits home.
Oscar-winning actress recognizes herself in the character of Stella — a brassy lesbian who isn't afraid to fight

IAN GORMELY
scene@metronews.ca


Cloudburst opens on Friday. HANDOUT

Scoring a marquee name for your little indie film is a coup by anyone's definition. Getting an Oscar-winning actress like Olympia Dukakis is a once in a lifetime gift.

But then Thom Fitzgerald is no fly-by-night filmmaker. The American-Canadian jack-of-all-trades responsible for the Hanging Garden worked with Dukakis several times before he cast her in his latest feature, Cloudburst, which opens this Friday.

The film, shot mostly in Nova Scotia, finds a pair of aging lesbians — Stella, played by Dukakis and Dot, played by Brenda Fricker — making a run for that Canada-U.S. border to get married.

"It was this wonderful love story and this fabulous character fights for everything in her life," says Dukakis. Stella, suspicious and combative with almost everyone she meets, steals every scene. "She's from that generation of lesbians where the world was not very friendly and she's ready to go a round or two."

Originally a stage play, Fitzgerald had Dukakis in mind for Stella from the get go. "She's bold, brassy and wise," he says of the actress. "She speaks what's on her mind and I admire that so much. I aspire to be able to do it myself someday."

For her part, Dukakis recognized herself in Stella but didn't necessarily like what she saw. "It was disturbing that I was so good at it," she says. "And it was disturbing because I saw the price she paid for it."

Being an Academy-award winning actress for 1987's Moonstruck with several decades of solid performances and steady work to back it up, Dukakis is able to pick and choose her roles. She says character development is her prime motivator, something Stella had in spades. "I look for that so that there's a journey. It doesn't have to be that they prevail, they can be defeated. But something has to happen." And that change isn't just for her — it's how the audience remains engaged. "You don't want to work unless it can engage the audience."

Dot, Stella's ailing, blind partner is the only person who'll stand up to her vitriol. Fitzgerald originally had Joan Orenstein lined up for the role, having worked with her on the Hanging Garden. But the actress passed away during pre-production. Trying to figure out who could fill Orenstein's shoes, Fitzgerald says Fricker "instantly" came to mind.

"Luckily she wasn't on Olympia's list of bitches I wasn't allowed to hire."

Time to Give
Make a donation to United Way Halifax.
"You have the opportunity to change lives every day when you give to United Way. You help us fund local solutions to the most pressing social issues. Together we can change poverty to possibility and encourage healthy living."
Kevin Stoddart, Chair United Way Board of Directors
Change starts here when you give to United Way Halifax!
United Way Halifax
Change starts here.
unitedwayhalifax.ca
@UWHalifax
Ad space generously donated by Metro



GREAT BIG SEA
20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR
XX
DELUXE BOX SET
AVAILABLE NOW
FRIDAY APRIL 26
METRO CENTRE
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT TICKET ATLANTIC, AT ALL PARTICIPATING ATLANTIC SUPERSTORES, AT 451-1221 AND AT WWW.SONICCONCERTS.COM
metro
WWW.GREATBIGSEA.COM
SONIC CONCERTS

It's like I've been training for this all year.



MIC MAC MALL



Carly Rae Jepsen and her catchy tune Call Me Maybe seem like obvious choices but even the singer isn't sure what to expect. GETTY IMAGES

Good luck trying to figure out 2012's Grammy nods

Music award season. Popular albums missing nomination deadline, music politics muddy this Grammy season

It's a brutal year to be in the Grammy nominations predictions game.

Sure, there are a few safe bets. Mumford & Sons and Frank Ocean are expected to take a share of nominations when they're announced.

And popular songs by Gotye, fun., Taylor Swift and Carly Rae Jepsen may land those artists on the list as well, though Jepsen harbours some doubt her omnipresent song Call Me Maybe will net a nod.

"I would be so shocked," the 27-year-old singer said last week. "But this year has taught me to look forward to surprises and just be ready for anything. So, cross your fingers for me."

Viral songs like Jepsen's seemed to be the theme of the year, and with no watershed albums during the nominating period for the 2013 Grammys like

Adele's 21 or Kanye West's My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, it's not clear who will turn out as this year's top nominee.

Thus the guessing game.

The Grammy nominations period ended Sept. 30 and three of the year's top four debuting albums — from Swift, One Direction and Jason Aldean — came after that date. Rihanna also released a new album after the period ended.

All could have songs nominated, but a popular album is the quickest way to accumulate multiple nods.

Quote

"It was sort of an iffy kind of year in my opinion. I'm going to be honest: I think the politics kind of slowed the music down."

Sean Garrett
Music producer on why this year is so hard to call a clear winner

Mumford & Sons slipped in just under the deadline. Introduced to much of their burgeoning fan base through a 2011 appearance on the Grammys, the British folk-rock band could return with a flourish after selling 600,000 copies of Babel in the first week of release and setting streaming records on Spotify.

Sean Garrett, a producer for artists like Usher and Beyonce with multiple Grammy nominations, said a lack of clear trends during the nominating period made it difficult to guess going into the show.

"It was sort of an iffy kind of year in my opinion," Garrett said in a phone interview. "I'm going to be honest: I think the politics kind of slowed the music down."

He expects pop stars like Jepsen, Bieber, Swift and Korean sensation PSY to take home nominations, but doesn't see an artist accumulating a high number of nominations. That could leave room for newer acts, some of which he claims are his favourites.

"They have a very clever sound," Garrett said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Holiday Hours

December 1 - 23
Monday - Saturday 9:30 am - 9 pm
Sunday EXTENDED HOURS 10 am - 6 pm

December 24 9:30 am - 5 pm
December 25 & 26 MALL CLOSED
Dec 27 BOXING DAY SALE 8 am - 9 pm

Don't forget to visit Santa!

Until December 23

Monday to Saturday Noon to 8 pm
Sundays in November Noon to 5 pm
Sundays in December Noon to 6 pm

Photos with Santa are FREE again at Mic Mac!
For your convenience, we'll email them to you directly.

H&M AÉROPOSTALE JACK & JONES AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS Bath & BodyWorks ALDO boathouse

Flashpoint ending with a two-part bang

Series finale. The first Canadian series since Due South to find international success is racing to the finish with a pair of heart-stopping episodes


Enrico Colantoni as Sgt. Gregory Parker in CTV's Flashpoint, Canada's cross-border cop smash. HANDOUT

Canada's cross-border cop smash Flashpoint is about to go out with a bang with an explosive two-part finale sending the elite team of Toronto officers racing to stop a serial bomber from taking the entire city hostage.

Flashpoint star Enrico Colantoni said it's a thrilling end to the made-in-Canada procedural, which airs Part 1 of a tense finale on Thursday. Part 2 airs Dec. 13.

Expectations are big for the conclusion, with Colantoni admitting that even he wondered how writers could adequately wrap up one of the country's top cop shows. Its nail-biting life-or-death crises have been a weekly tradition for five seasons.

"The expectation was always: How are they going to close it? How are they going to end it? And when you're used to doing a show that's operating at nine (out of 10) and 10 out of 10, you wonder what they will do. And they did (it)," Colantoni said from the set last June, where hallways were filled with "for sale" items including discarded wardrobe and a mishmash of props.

"For the first time, my character really has to go outside of his comfort zone. ... There's no room for peace in these last two episodes, there's no room for calm, there's no room for stepping back. There's only being ahead of the situation and really living in the solution of it and (thinking) 'How are we going do this?' Because it's so outrageous and so crazy."

The two-part finale begins with the team discovering a sophisticated bomb hidden amid the computer servers of a 911 communications centre. From there, they learn more explosives have been stashed in other public buildings and that a deranged bomber is intent on inflicting widespread carnage.

In order to contain the threat, Team 1 joins forces with firefighters, paramedics and the military, resulting in a high-octane tribute to all emergency responders, said writer and co-creator Stephanie Morgenstern.

"I think we've managed to balance the sense of crisis and tragedy that we were looking for because the stakes are big," said Morgenstern, who launched the series with writer and co-creator Mark Ellis in July 2008.

"But at the same time, (there's) a sense of life-affirming forward motion of the future of Team 1, that things are not completely coming to an end now, that there is a sense of a legacy for the team as well."

She said pains were taken to address ongoing storylines for Colantoni's team leader Sgt. Greg Parker, Hugh Dillon's sharp-shooter Ed Lane, Amy Jo Johnson's negotiator Jules Callaghan, David Paetkau's sniper Sam Braddock and Sergio Di Zio's explosives expert Spike Scarlatti.

"We knew where we wanted to take Sam and Jules and I think that's going to be satisfying for Sam and Jules fans," she said.

There's no question that Flashpoint has made its mark on the Canadian TV industry, proving to skeptics that homegrown fare could be popular, acclaimed and internationally successful all at the same time.

The slick show debuted four years ago on CTV and CBS, drawing 1.13 million viewers in Canada and 8.72 million viewers in the United States. It was the first Canadian series since Due South to air in network prime time on both sides of the border, paving the way for a wave of other Canadian series to also strike U.S. deals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"The expectation was always: How are they going to close it?"
Enrico Colantoni
Flashpoint star









Rihanna ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Rihanna getting set to marry Chris Brown?

Anyone who follows Rihanna's Twitter feed knows that Chris Brown is definitely back in her life in a big way.

But the latest news still comes as a shock.

Rihanna is reportedly planning to marry Brown in a secret New Year's Eve ceremony while the pair are visiting her native Barbados for the holidays, according to Hollyscoop.

One person not too thrilled about the rumoured wedding? Rihanna's mom.

"She called Rihanna to yell at her, asking what she's doing with her life," a source says.

Quote

"She called Rihanna to yell at her, asking what she's doing with her life."

Source
Talking about Rihanna's mother's reaction to the news she may marry Chris Brown.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Laxative lands LeAnn Rimes in more trouble



THE WORD
Dorothy Robinson
scene@metronews.ca

There was a time when LeAnn Rimes was world-famous for her talent.

Right? It's hard for me to remember that long ago.

Now she's just known for the petty drama with her long-suffering husband, Eddie Cibrian, and his ex, Brandi Glanville.

The latest?

Glanville is professing to a tabloid that she doesn't want Rimes around her sons, Mason, 9, and Jake, 5, because, according to her, they mistake her laxatives for candy.

"I, unfortunately, don't find her to be stable and I don't want her around my kids when Eddie's not there — or at least the nanny, his parents, someone," Glanville says of Rimes to Us Magazine.

"Mason, my eldest, ate some of Le's candies and got extremely ill. And Le's candies are laxatives. She has one in every purse. Mason found one on the floor and thought it was a Skittle! They don't keep sugar in the house," Glanville explains.

"He thought he finally found candy."

You know, you'd think in between learning shapes and colours, L.A. preschools would also teach life lessons to children being raised by celebrity parents.

They could teach the difference between a Skittle and a laxative or the difference between your nanny and your mother — the list is endless.

Twitter



@ZacharyQuinto
if you are taking pictures with your iPad: i have absolutely no interest in taking our relationship any further than the picture.



@rustyrockets
I'm in Melbourne. Where do I go? What do I do? Who will love me?



@RealMichelleT
Getting the Final Jeopardy answer. #Priceless



@Joan_Rivers
The IRS seized Lindsay's bank accounts to settle her tax debt of $233,904. Why bother? They'll get the same amount by returning her empties.



Eddie Murphy

Murphy's movies do little for studio profits

Eddie Murphy has earned the dubious honour of the Most Overpaid Actor in Hollywood, according to Forbes magazine's annual list. For every dollar that a studio paid Murphy for his last three movies, the studio earned $2.30, the worst rate of return for a star in the business.

His only film released this year, the poorly reviewed A Thousand Words, pulled in roughly $20 million worldwide but cost an estimated $40 million to produce.

Second on the list is Katherine Heigl, earning studios an average of $3.40 for every dollar she's paid.

THE REWARDS YOU WANT
20x faster
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
20x THE SHOPPERS OPTIMUM POINTS®
WHEN YOU SPEND $75 OR MORE ON ALMOST ANYTHING IN THE STORE.*
FREE feels good
SHOPPERS DRUG MART

*Points are issued according to the net pre-tax purchase total of eligible products after redemptions and discounts and before taxes using a valid Shoppers Optimum Card®. Excludes prescription purchases, Shoppers Optimum Bonus Points®, Shoppers Optimum® MasterCard® points and points associated with RBC® Shoppers Optimum Banking Account, products that contain codeine, non-pointable items, tobacco products (where applicable), lottery tickets, passport photos, stamps, transit tickets and passes, event tickets, gift cards, prepaid phone cards, prepaid card products and Shoppers Home Health Care® locations. Offer applies to photofinishing services that are picked up and paid for on the day of the offer only. Not to be used in conjunction with any other Shoppers Optimum Points® promotions or offers. See cashier for details. ® 911979 Alberta Ltd.

Easy to do holiday 'dos

Kristen Stewart's hair stylist Adir Abergel walks us through festive hairstyles that are simple enough to do on the fly in your bedroom, but look like you've spent hours in a salon.

ROMINA McGUINNESS
life@metronews.ca



The low chignon

"This look is classic and chic and can do no wrong," Abergel says. "It's both sophisticated and modern and will work for any kind of event you're heading off to."

1 Apply a volumizing styling whip to damp hair and blow-dry.

2 Create a centre part that is low and flat

3 Wrap the hair around the ponytail to create a low bun.

4 Secure your hair using some bobby pins.

5 Spray the entire look with hairspray in order to hold everything in place.

Get the look

SHINE: Frederic Fekkai Brilliant Glossing cream $25, fekkai.com



HOLD: Bumble & Bumble Curl Conscious Holding Foam $28, bumbleandbumble.com





Casual waves

"It's no surprise that we often see this look on Hollywood celebrities as well as models when they are off-duty. These easy waves are naturally beautiful, laid-back and glamorous at the same time," Abergel explains. "And it's also much easier to copy than you'd think."

1 Apply UV protectant spray to damp hair before blowing it dry.

2 Separate your dry hair from the front to the back behind the ears and clip up.

3 Take the back section of your hair, split it in two, and clip up one of the sides

4 Take one vertical section of hair from top to bottom

5 Grab a hot iron and roll away from your face (as you roll, make sure you twist at the same time).

6 Once the hair is heated through, gently take it off the roller and let it set so the waves cool in place.

7 Repeat the above on other side.

8 Once you've gone through all the hair, run your fingers though to get your desired look.

9 Finish off with some hairspray to keep your look for longer without allowing the hair to go stiff or sticky.



The pin-straight blow-dry

"This elegant look is perfect for showing off shiny, healthy hair, and who doesn't want that? Glossy hair is the perfect accessory to any outfit and this sleek look is the best way to show it off," Abergel says.

1 Apply a lifting and texturizing spray or gel to damp hair at the roots and blow dry by scrunching your hair until it's completely dry.

2 Divide the top of your hair into two sections. Take the front section and brush it forward with a large round brush. Wrap the hair around the brush, roll it up and blow-dry it out slowly in order to smooth the hair as much as possible. Repeat with the back section.

3 After smoothing the hair out, wrap each section around a large velcro roller and clip it into place.

4 Flat iron the rest of hair in order to straighten it one section at a time. Focus on the middle and the ends of the hair so that the volume is kept at the roots. Remove the rollers, comb out both sections and flat iron from the middle to ends of the hair only, not from the roots.

5 Set the look using hairspray and a glossing mist.

Low heels for really tall girls

'Can you recommend any Michelle Obama-style pumps that are low but fashionable?' –Lisa

METRO WORLD NEWS/KENYA HUNT

Miu Miu

netaporter.com



Zara

$80, zara.com



Mulberry

$529, mytheresa.com



J.Crew

Valentina pump, $238, jcrew.com



Twitter



JEANNE SPACE
Jeanne Beker
life@metronews.ca

IN THIS HECTIC MODERN WORLD, TWITTER HAS BECOME A COOL AND SUCCINCT WAY OF COMMUNICATING. IT ALLOWS ME TO BE ACCESSIBLE, INSTANTLY SPEAK MY MIND, AND CONNECTS ME WITH ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE. WHETHER IT'S A FASHION QUESTION OR YOU JUST WANT TO COMMENT ON LIFE'S BIGGER PICTURE, I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.



@Jeanne_Beker: With the stunning @SarahGadon who's receiving a Crystal Award today from @WIFT #crystalawards



@Jeanne_Beker: My beautiful mom, circa 1957. She'll be 92 next Sunday!! (Bless her....)



@Jeanne_Beker: With top Cdn Dior make-up artist Annemarie Vandermeer @TheHudsonsBayCo @ Sherway_Gardens



@Jeanne_Beker: Sleek, sassy and seductive are the operative words @gretconstantine

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Ottawa

Lainy

Political Analyst and thrift store enthusiast

Age: 34



What she's wearing
Vintage boots from Kensington Market, pants bought at Marshalls, blazer by Alfred Sung, scarf was a gift from a friend.

Her inspiration
"I'm a sucker for thrift stores and bargains — nothing is more fun than finding a great deal on style!"

THE KIT PHOTOBLOGGER: JUSTYNA BARANIECKI, CHAMELEONIC.CO

THE KIT IS A MULTI-PLATFORM BEAUTY AND FASHION BRAND WHICH INCLUDES AN INTERACTIVE MAGAZINE AND DYNAMIC APP, A WEBSITE, KIT CHAT – AN E-NEWSLETTER PROGRAM, AND A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER SECTION TOO!

U weight loss clinics™

YOU CAN LOSE WEIGHT
AND WE CAN HELP



GENEVIEVE
LOST 81 LBS

At U Weight Loss Clinics, your success is our top priority. That's why our Certified Health Coaches are there for you, from the moment you start your customized program to the day you reach your weight loss goal. Join today and discover for yourself how U Weight Loss Clinics will guide you along the path to good health and happiness.

JOIN NOW AND GET
50% OFF*
*Certain conditions apply. Please see U Weight Loss for details.

1656 Bedford Highway
BEDFORD
902.406.4149
ubedford@uweightloss.com

250 Baker Drive
DARTMOUTH
902.406.8746
udartmouth@uweightloss.com

278 Lacewood Drive
HALIFAX
902.431.8746
uhalifax@uweightloss.com

www.uweightloss.com

SOLD OUT!

Missed out on tickets to the sold-out Nutcracker Luncheon? You can still give the gift of hope to at-risk youth who have experienced abuse, hunger and disappointment. Phoenix offers services that are free of charge to any youth who reaches out and seeks a better path in life. Continue a tradition of giving to help youth feel the warmth and joy of a community that cares. We can't do it alone. Donate at phoenixyouth.ca

The Phoenix Nutcracker Luncheon

presented by:
Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 11:45am
World Trade & Convention Centre
1800 Argyle Street, Halifax, NS

Black and gold trending for 2013



DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes
home@metronews.ca

Get advice from any old-school interior designer and they'll all give you the same rule: Every room needs a bit of black. The sharp contrast that black offers helps any room come to life. For a long time we've been getting that contrast with very dark brown, but look out for black. While we haven't seen it since the early '80s, it's on its way back in home decor.

Black's revival came out of the very dark brown tones commonly used as well as out of the popularity of grey over the past few years. From fashion to home decoration, grey has become a staple in our lives, outshining the taupe and beige scene. That grey is now darkening itself into its truest form — black.

Metallic colours have predominately been cool tones like silver and nickel. Now things are warming up with champagne (a half-silver, half-gold mix) for contemporary homes and old brushed brass for traditional homes. The metallics have certainly heated up and any warm, golden tone will be hot for 2013.

Used in small spaces or large spaces

You might not think such a dramatic, dark colour like black would work in a small space, but if you're consistent with your tones, then any colour can work. Black adds a sense of drama and sophistication to a room and if you usually use your space at night, why not consider black as a main element.

Try to keep a balance

When mixing the black and gold colour combination in a modern space, use 70 per cent black and 30 per cent gold.

In more traditional settings, flip the coin and use 70 per cent gold tones and 30 per cent black to sharpen things up. Funny, the 70/30 rule applies to a lot of great design rules.



Organic hammered oval Angenam bowl

Hold the predictable fruit and nuts or a single candle for a golden illumination. $20, ikea.ca.



Floor-to-ceiling style

Black floors, door frames and bookcases create a dramatic statement. ralphlaurenhome.com.



Lassalle Vanity

Grand scale goes invisible with an all black vanity or desk. $2,500, crateandbarrel.com.



Gold pig bookends

From snout to tail, your books will be sandwiched in style. $35, cb2.com.



Desire Gold wallpaper

Add some deco glamour to your walls. $80/roll, grahambrown.com.

Classic Chambord French coffee press

Serve up morning coffee in style. $70, anthropologie.com.





Exotica Cheetah 4-x-6 pelt

The classic animal print is hand made of wool. $185, ecarpetgallery.com.



Hakkari Hurricane lamps

Harness nature's warm glow. From $32, crateandbarrel.com.

Where Sound, Style & Comfort Meet.
Your local source for quality audio & home theatre now offers contemporary home furnishings.

The Future is Now.
Stream music from your computer with apps for iPad/iPhone; Android Phones and tablets.

Cambridge Audio
Stream Magic 6



- Streamer with high quality DAC
- Intuitive apps for phones & tablets
- Digital pre-amp with remote volume

Music Streaming Product of the Year - What Hi-fi

B&W Bowers & Wilkins
New A5 and A7 models in stock



Five-Star Sound - What Hi-fi
Airplay Magic from B&W

Comfort + Style.



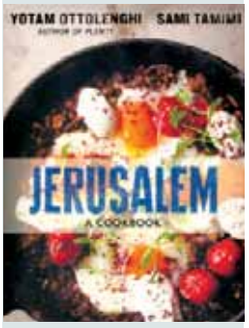
Bugatti Design - Caly Chair

PEAK AUDIO
Family owned & operated since 1986

Sales & Showroom
2813 Agricola Street
455-7325
www.peakaudio.ns.ca
Visit our showroom today!

Cookbook of the Week

Unique food and city



For the book Jerusalem: A Cookbook, Yotam Ottolenghi teams up with his friend and co-owner of his restaurants, Sami Tamimi. Both men were born in Jerusalem in the same year: Tamimi on the Arab east side and Ottolenghi in the Jewish west.

In this book, they explore the cuisine of their home city and present a collection of recipes that reflects a melting pot of Muslim, Jewish, Arab, Christian and Armenian communities.

Among the recipes are: Seafood and Fennel Soup, Kofta B'Siniyah, Sweet Filo Cigars and more. METRO

With Hanukkah stretching over eight nights, offer variety of treats

"The Spice Cookies are loosely inspired by the German Christmas favourite Pfeffernusse and are actually more closely related to an Italian spice cookie," write Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi in Jerusalem: A Cookbook.

Ottolenghi and Tamimi, who both emigrated from Jerusalem to London, England, say the cookies are popular at their four Ottolenghi restaurants over the period of Hanukkah and Christmas.

The Festival of Lights begins at sundown Saturday and ends on Dec. 16.

Ingredients

- 175 ml plus 30 ml (3/4 cup plus 2 tbsp) currants
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brandy
- Scant 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) best-quality cocoa powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) baking powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each ground cinnamon, allspice, ginger and nutmeg
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 150 g (5 oz) good-quality dark chocolate, coarsely grated
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) superfine sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla extract
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each grated lemon zest and grated orange zest
- 1/2 large free-range egg
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) diced candied citrus peel

Glaze

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 325 ml (1 1/3 cups) icing sugar

1. Soak currants in brandy for 10 minutes.

2. In bowl, mix flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, spices, salt and dark chocolate. Mix with a whisk.

3. In stand mixer fitted with beater attachment, place butter, sugar, vanilla and lemon and orange zest and beat to combine, about 1 minute. With mixer running, slowly add egg and mix for about 1 minute. Add dry ingredients, currants and brandy. Mix until it comes together.

4. Gently knead dough in bowl with hands until it comes together. Divide dough into chunks (each about 50 ml/1/4 cup) and shape each chunk into a perfectly round ball. Place balls on baking sheets lined with parchment paper, spacing 2 cm (3/4 inch) apart, and let rest in fridge at least 1 hour.

5. Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Bake cookies 20 minutes, until tops firm up but centres are still slightly soft. Remove from oven; let cool 5 minutes and then transfer to a wire rack. While cookies are still warm, whisk together glaze ingredients until a thin and smooth icing forms. Pour 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the glaze over each cookie, leaving it to drip and coat cookie with a very thin, almost transparent film. Finish each with 3 pieces of candied peel placed at the centre. Leave to set and serve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ JERUSALEM BY YOTAM OTTOLENGHI AND SAM TAMIMI

Dietary restrictions

Please note, the recipes on this page may not meet specific dietary restrictions.

Spice Cookies



This recipe makes 16 cookies. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Book your staff or family christmas party today"
STAYNER'S WHARF
PUB & GRILL
TAPS & APPS!
Tap into any local pitcher of draught and any appetizer
FOR ONLY $19.99
5-7pm • Mon-Thurs
WINE ABOUT PASTA
Why whine when you can get any glass of wine and any pasta
FOR ONLY $21.99
7pm-close • Mon-Thurs
Purchase Gift Certificates Today!
For every $50.00 in Gift Certficates purchased, receive a $10.00 Complimentary Gift Certificate.
492-1800 • Halifax Waterfront • www.staynerswharf.com
Not valid with any other promotional offer. May expire without notice. Gift Certificate offer valid November 16 - December 22, 2012.

Panda Buffet
Over 100 Authentic Chinese & Japanese Favourites
BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY!
Ask Manager, Vincent Wong, about our SPECIAL RATE
JAPANESE GRILL IS BACK & INCLUDED IN OUR BUFFET!
Select your favourite meat & vegetable and let our Teppanyaki Grill Chef entertain you.
Tuesday Buffet Special
Lunch: ONLY $7.99 (reg. $9.99)
Dinner: ONLY $11.99 (reg. $14.99)
Cannot combine with coupons or discounts.
Book a private party room for your special event or have us cater for you. Ask about Gift Certificates & Party Trays.
405-8700 or 405-8728 • 100 Main St (Westphal Plaza) Dartmouth



© 2012 P&G

febreze

breathe happy

www.febreze.ca

Save $1.50 one dollar and fifty cents

when you buy any ONE Febreze® product

(Not applicable on trial size, travel size, special pack and bonus packs)



DEALER: We will reimburse the face value of coupon plus our specified handling fee provided you accept it from your customer on purchase of brand specified. Other applications constitute fraud. We in our sole discretion may refuse reimbursement where we suspect fraudulent redemption has occurred. Applications for reimbursement received after 6 months from expiry date as indicated on this coupon, will not be accepted. Reimbursement will be made only to retail distributors who redeemed coupon or holder of Procter & Gamble certificate of authority. For redemption mail to: P&G, P.O. Box 3000, Saint John, N.B., E2L 4L3.

GST/HST/QST and Provincial Sales Tax (where applicable) are included in face value of coupon.

PROCTER & GAMBLE INC., TORONTO, ONTARIO

CONSUMER: LIMIT ONE COUPON PER PURCHASE of products and quantities stated. **Use of more than one manufacturer coupon per product is strictly prohibited.** Coupons not authorized if purchasing products for resale. Void if transferred, sold, auctioned, reproduced or altered from original. Any other use constitutes fraud. You may pay sales tax. Do not send to Procter & Gamble. P&G accepts no liability for printing errors or omissions. **Valid only in Canada.** No cash or credit in excess of shelf price may be returned to consumer or applied to transaction. © 2012 P&G

MANUFACTURER COUPON | **EXPIRY DATE:** December 31, 2012

660126811

HOLIDAY 2012
gift guide

Television Wonderland

Sharp 90-inch LED TV — $9,999.99, below, Apple TV — $109, right.



Options for your viewing pleasure

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Wouldn't it be nice to wake up to a brand new television Christmas morning? Whether you are looking for a new TV or simply want to add to your home theatre, there are plenty of options for you or the videophile on your shopping list.

Panasonic Viera TCL42U5 — $499

Not everyone needs all the bells and whistles of some of the more expensive televisions on the market. Sometimes you just want to watch TV. This 42-inch 1080p LCD TV gives a great picture for a fraction of the price of most other sets. You still get a variety of inputs (including three HDMI) plus you will benefit from Eco mode, which will save you money on your energy bills.



LG Cinema 3D LM9600 — $2,299

If your heart is set on a 3-D TV, look no further than this LED TV from LG. It has the ability to convert any 2-D content into breathtaking 3-D on the fly. Everything can be controlled through simple gestures using the Magic Remote, or simply tell your TV what you want it to do through voice control. You will find tons of inputs on the back, plus it's Wi-Fi enabled.

Sharp 90-inch LED TV — $9,999.99

Good luck bringing this one down the chimney Santa! Sharp's 90-inch LED TV is the largest in Canada. Experience movies the way they were meant to be seen — on the big screen. The larger screen allows for bigger speakers, giving you a theatre-like experience right in your home. Gamers will enjoy the Vyper Drive feature that reduces lag times while playing games. You can also connect wirelessly to the web or enjoy apps such as Netflix. This beautiful television comes with a hefty price tag, so don't even think about asking for it if there is even the slightest chance you are on the naughty list.

Samsung Blu-ray Player BD-E6500 — $219

Not only can this Blu-ray device play your favourite high-definition movies in 2-D and 3-D, it can turn any TV into a smart TV with built-in apps such as Netflix, YouTube and Facebook. If you already own a Samsung smartphone you can use it to control the action. The built-in USB port also allows playback of videos, photos and music from your USB devices.



Apple TV — $109

Access all of your iTunes content directly on your television. This tiny media player ensures all of your movies, TV shows, and music are readily available, plus get access to Netflix, YouTube and Vimeo without logging onto your computer. One of my favourite features has to be AirPlay, which allows you to stream content from your iPad, MacBook, or iMac right to your television with a simple click. Great for presentations or simply playing games and apps on the big screen.



Logitech Harmony 650 Remote — $79.99

At one time you had to pay a fortune to get an amazing universal remote. The Harmony 650 proves that's no longer the case. Complete with colour display, this advanced remote can control up to five devices at a fraction of the price of other high-end remotes. While it does require an Internet connected PC or Mac to set up, once it's up and running it simplifies even the most complex home theatre setup so everyone in the family can use it.



Samsung Blu-ray Player BD-E6500 — $219, left, Panasonic Viera TCL42U5 — $499, top left, Logitech Harmony 650 Remote — $79.99, top right.

19 shopping days left



Let Us do the Thinking For You...

GIFT CERTIFICATE SALE!*

Earn $5 EXTRA with every $25 spent: $10 for $50, $15 for $75, $20 for $100, etc.

Our experienced consultants can help build the perfect package for those special, hard to buy for people.

Offering services ranging from Waxing to Skin & Body Care to Full Therapeutic Massage.
Watch for next Thursday's ad for our next December special offer!

Sunnyside Mall, 1595 Bedford Highway, Bedford
(902) 832-2233 | nichespa.com

niche
Naturally you

*Cannot be purchased with rewards points, money on account or gift certificates • Offer valid December 8 to 15, 2012

Grooming gifts for him



JANINE FALCON
For Metro

From wake-up to spruce-up, these manly gift ideas will help him put his best self forward before his first coffee of the day.

Perk up his morning routine with the ultra-fresh **L'Occitane Verdon Adventure** set, which includes shower gel, soap, deodorant and eau de toilette. $82, loccitane.ca.

He'll appreciate the weightless **Biotherm Homme Force Supreme** anti-aging formulas that promise smoother, firmer, more comfortable skin. Lotion, $45 and Serum, $70; biotherm.ca.

If he's into natural stuff, he'll dig non-oily **Weleda After Shave Balm**, which cools and soothes with organic jojoba seed oil, aloe and myrrh. $26.99, well.ca.

Set him up for next Movember with the waterproof **Philips Styleshaver**, which trims, styles and shaves with easy precision. $99.99, personaledge.com.

He doesn't have to be a sexy vampire (or an actor who plays one) to wear **Calvin Klein Encounter**, a warm, woody scent. $67, thebay.com.

Ideal for the man who likes simple yet sophisticated skincare, **Shiseido's Men's Essentials Gift Set** includes a handsome toiletry case. $70, thebay.com

Help him love his hair more with **Kerastase Anti-Oiliness Daily Treatment Shampoo** and **Leave-In Treatment**. $36 each, kerastase.com.

For the multi-tasking man, the **Jack Black Core Collection** includes cleanser+toner, shave-oil cream+skin conditioner, and moisturizer+SPF. $52, ebeauty.ca.

Stock his gym bag with zesty essentials, such as **Crabtree & Evelyn's West Indian Lime Travel Set**. $26, Crabtree & Evelyn boutiques.

From top left: L'Occitane Verdon Adventure set, Biotherm Homme Force Supreme, Crabtree & Evelyn's West Indian Lime Travel Set, Weleda After Shave Balm Philips Styleshaver, Calvin Klein Encounter.



Above: Jack Black Core Collection. Right: Kerastase Anti-Oiliness Daily Treatment Shampoo.

Antoinette's
Esthetics & Nails

Be Holiday Ready...

- Mani/Pedi Combo $48
- Bikini & Brow Wax $26
- Make-up Application $20
- Holiday Lash Extensions $30/set

Save 15% on Gift Certificates Dec. 9 - 15

6a Titus St, Fairview • 444-9222 • antoinettes.ca

Get DOUBLE the minutes and data with our NEW Canada-wide promo plans!



Get Canada-wide talk, text and data!

Up to ~~150~~ 300 Anytime Minutes
Up to ~~250~~ 500 MB of Data[1]
Unlimited Messaging (Text and Picture)[2]
Unlimited 5pm Evenings & Weekends[3]
Unlimited Incoming Calls
Plus more!

For just $45/month

Double minutes and data!

Hurry! Offer ends December 31, 2012.

koodo™
Good call

BEST BUY · FUTURE SHOP · THE MOBILE SHOP · Walmart

koodo shop
Halifax Shopping Centre
Mic Mac Mall
Sunnyside Mall

(1) Roaming rates apply outside of Canada. Data overage rate of 2¢/MB applies. (2) Availability of service will vary by country and is subject to change without notice. Excludes premium messages and subscription-based messages. Picture messaging includes international picture messages sent and received within Canada. Additional data charges apply depending on picture size when roaming in the U.S. and internationally. Picture messaging is supported by a BlackBerry smartphone with SIM card only. (3) Unlimited calling from 5pm to 8am, Monday through Thursday, and from 5pm Friday to 8am Monday.

A beauty bounty

JANINE FALCON
For Metro

From beauty empowerment to fragranced skin, from shimmering nails to luscious hair, these gift ideas have her (and you) covered.

More than a makeup book, **Bobbi Brown Pretty Powerful** (Chronicle Books, 2012) is a confidence-builder from a pro who empowers with must-try tips and tricks. $34.95 hardcover, chapters.indigo.ca.

Give her nail polish collection a brand new sheen with **YSL La Laque Couture Top Coat in Première Neige**, an iridescent top coat that sparkles over any colour. $27, Holt Renfrew.

Any scent from the Byredo Parfums collection is a unique and special gift for fragrance lovers; **Byredo Black Saffron**, an Oriental Spicy eau de parfum is the newest. $235, Holt Renfrew.

Luscious **LoveFresh Lemon Verbena Body Butter** pampers skin with aloe, chamomile and calendula extracts, and is made sans parabens or petrolatum. $24, lovefresh.com.

Glamorous yet understated like its creator Aerin Lauder, the **Aerin Holiday Style Palette** offers foolproof shadows and subtle highlight powder. $78, esteelauder.ca.

Feminine and fragrant, **Valentino Valentina Body Scrub** is a creamy exfoliant in a lovely frosted jar she'll keep for years. $78, thebay.com.

The award-winning complexion-saver of the season, this natural moisture booster relieves exczema. **Consonant HydrExtreme Serum**, $72, consonantbody.com.

She'll swoon over **MAC's Sinfully Chic Face Kit**, a charming neutral makeup + brush set. Trust. $85, maccosmetics.com.

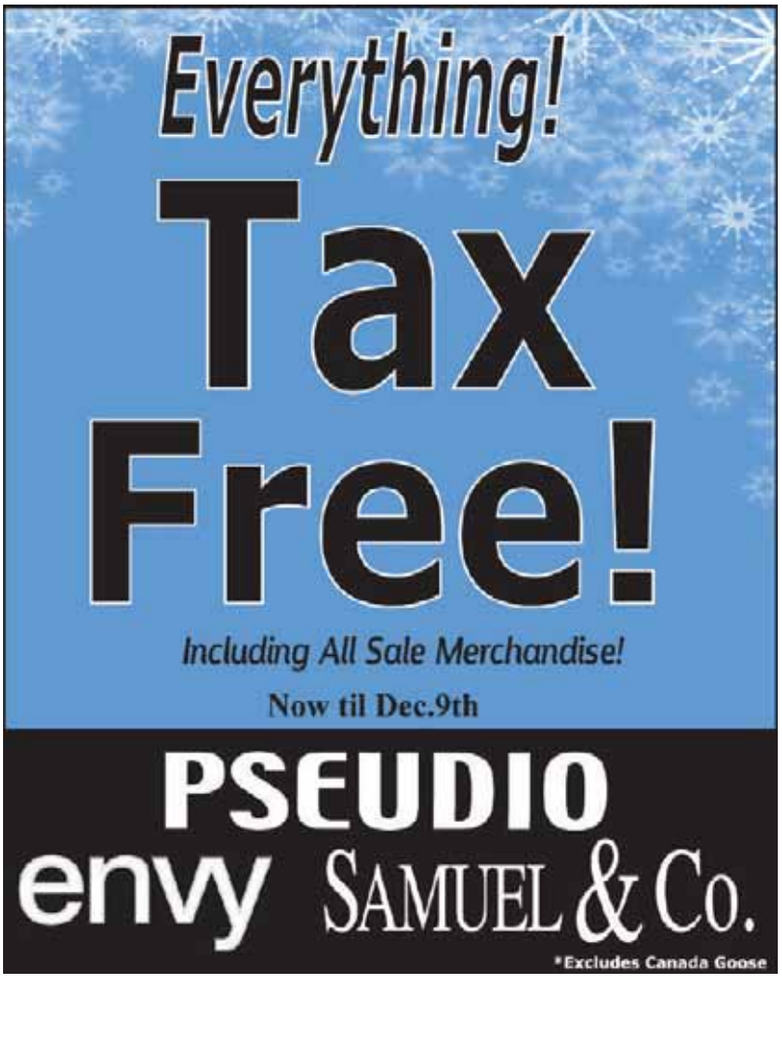
Soft, shiny, swingy hair is hers with silicone-free **Shu Uemura Cleansing Oil Shampoo**, which gently purifies all hair types, including fine, limp, and oily. $55.



Above: Valentino Valentina Body Scrub. Above left: LoveFresh Lemon Verbena Body Butter. Left: Aerin Holiday Style Palette.

From bottom left to bottom right: MAC's Sinfully Chic Face Kit, Byredo Black Saffron, Consonant HydrExtreme Serum, YSL La Laque Couture Top Coat in Première Neige, Shu Uemura Cleansing Oil Shampoo.





Low-stress shopping

EDEN SPODEK
YummyMummyClub.ca



Looking for deals online can help alleviate some of the holiday shopping stress. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

December is supposed to be the time of holiday cheer.

Yet, so often we get stressed out when it comes to holiday shopping. Stores are crowded, kids are nagging for that "must-have" new toy or electronic gadget, not to mention teachers' gifts, and something for the BFF who has everything but insists on upholding the gift exchange you have been doing since you shared a university dorm. Then there's finding that special something for the love of your life.

Here are some tips to help make life easier, not just this month, but all year round.

Make a list in advance

When you make a list in advance and stick to it, you will reduce the risk of impulse buying and cut down on browsing time.

Shop online

Browse, research, comparison shop, and find unique gifts all from the comfort of your own keyboard. It's easy to look for the best deals. With the strong Canadian dollar, consider cross-border shopping. Look for retailers who offer deals on shipping and free gift wrapping too.

Buy teachers' gifts as a class

Get together with other parents and pool your money together so you can buy a group gift. Gift certificates from a local bookstore or mall allow your child's teacher to choose something they will enjoy instead of toss out.

Donate to a favourite charity in someone's honour

These days, pretty much every charity accepts donations online — it's quick and easy, and with a minimum donation you will get a tax receipt, too. It may not be as much fun as unwrapping presents but it feels wonderful to do something for others less fortunate while cutting down unnecessary gifts that would otherwise clutter your home.

Watch for online giveaways

There are lots of great giveaways on blogs, Twitter and community sites, including YummyMummyClub. The chances of winning are surprisingly pretty good — why not at least try?

YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA IS AN ONLINE RESOURCE TO HELP BUSY WOMEN SURVIVE MOTHERHOOD.





metro
CANADA'S FIRST NEWS APP* IN NEWSSTAND
Now available for iPad, iPhone and iPod touch!
Available on the App Store

*First to market as of press time.

Give the gift of reading!

ATLANTIC NEWS
Halifax's original newsstand.
Magazines make great
Stocking Stuffers
Gift certificates for everyone on your list!
429.5468 • Morris & Queen • atlanticnews.ns.ca

maps&more
The Travel Store
Discover unique gifts to nourish your wanderlust.


1601 Lower Water Street
Summit Place
Halifax
902-422-7106
www.mapsandmore.ca

Recipe. All-In-One Spiced Chocolate Loaf

This Green & Black's Organic All-in-one Spiced Chocolate Loaf recipe will be a sure hit during the holidays.


Dark, milk or white chocolate would also complement this cake. CONTRIBUTED

Ingredients:

- 50 g dark (70 per cent cocoa solids) chocolate
- 100 g plain flour
- 125 g icing sugar
- 1 tsp ground mixed spice
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 175 g unsalted butter at room temperature, plus extra for greasing
- 4 medium free-range eggs
- 100 g dark chocolate with ginger

Instructions:

1 Preheat the oven to 180 C/350 F/gas mark 4, and butter a 22-centimetre loaf pan.

2 Melt the dark chocolate using double boiler method (placing a microwave or heatproof bowl over a pan of gently simmering water) ensuring the bowl doesn't touch the water. Set aside to cool.

3 Blend the flour, sugar, spices and baking powder. This can be achieved using a food processor or a hand-held electric mixer.

4 Add the butter, cooled melted chocolate and the eggs and blend until evenly combined. Pour the mixture into the loaf pan and bake for about 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean. Carefully remove the loaf from the pan and cool on a wire rack.

5 Meanwhile, melt the ginger chocolate bar using the double boiler method and drizzle over the cooled cake. Makes one loaf.

Tip: You can also drizzle the loaf with other Green & Black's Organic chocolate. Dark, milk or white chocolate would also complement this cake's flavours.

RECIPE COMPLIMENTS OF GREEN & BLACK'S ORGANIC HOLIDAY 2012

SERVICE IS THE DIFFERENCE AT NIEFORTH FURNISHERS

At Nieforth Furnishers, the focus is on providing middle to upper-end domestic furniture, most of which is Canadian made.

The locally owned and operated retailer carries furniture for one's bedroom, dining room, living room, as well as accessories.

In business since 1938, Nieforth Furnishers is located in downtown Dartmouth at 35 Portland St.

One of the things customers will notice when shopping at the 8,000 square foot retail space is the exceptional customer service.

"You're dealing with the owners when you come in and see us," says co-owner Brad Nieforth.

This also means that should an item need service under warranty, customers won't get the run-around treatment.



"We're there to listen and to resolve things," says Nieforth.

Some of the lines of Canadian-made furniture that Nieforth Furnishers carries includes Future Fine Furniture, Simmons Upholstery, Bermex, Ideal Bedroom and SuperStyle.

For people looking to customize their furniture order, numerous customizations are available from the different manufacturers, including changing things such as the upholstery, wood stains, and leg and pedestal styles.

Custom orders are something the staff at Nieforth Furnishers is more than happy to undertake.

"If we do not have what you are looking for in stock, we're pleased to assist you with a custom order," says Nieforth.

Nieforth Furnishers offers free delivery for purchases that are within 30 miles of the shop.

CONVENIENT HOURS

Nieforth Furnishers is open six days a week. On Mondays through Fridays, it is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Saturdays, it is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HOLIDAY SALE
NIEFORTH
Furnishers Ltd.
Since 1938

* Actual product may not be exactly as illustrated.
Sofa Bed Sale (Simmons Queen, Double & Loveseat sizes)
Special Orders Welcome
(Simmons offers many fabrics and styles • We can order for you)
469-2401 35 Portland St, Dartmouth 469-2401
Mon-Fri 9:00-5:30 & Sat 9:30-5:00
FREE DELIVERY WITHIN 30 MILES.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING STARTS HERE
METRO CUSTOM PUBLISHING

A CHRISTMAS DESTINATION



It's that time of the year again and nowhere is that more evident than at Angie's Gifts & Holiday Crafts.

Located about 25 minutes from Halifax in Glen Haven, Angie's Gifts is a seasonal business known for its Christmas offerings.

"We're noted for our unique ornaments and giftware and we have one of the largest selections of Christmas elves," says owner Angie Brown.



The shop is located at 70 Croucher Point Rd., and is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

With everything from ornaments, elves, home décor, metal wall art, centrepieces and tableware, Angie's Gifts & Holiday Crafts offers a real smorgasbord of items for the holiday season.

For some people, the holiday season can be a stressful one where there doesn't seem to be enough time to accomplish the things they want to, such as getting a tree and decorating it. Angie's Gifts & Holiday Crafts has a great solution for this.

"For your home or office decorating needs, let us take your stress and leave no mess," says Brown.

Angie's Gifts & Holiday Crafts carries artificial Christmas trees and can decorate the tree for the customer as a complete package. The shop can also create custom centrepieces.

At this time of year, the shop has several different rooms all decorated with a different holiday theme.

Groups can book a private shopping party at the shop, which would include refreshments and a door prize. Angie's Gifts & Holiday Crafts also opens the shop to organizations who want to use the shop for a fundraising event. For more information, please visit the shop or call 823-1472.

Discover the *magic* of Christmas at Angie's *fantastical* Holiday Home!

BE INSPIRED... Tour the elegantly decorated theme rooms.

Holiday House tours daily from 10 am to 5 pm
Free Admission



From elves to a life sized mermaid to the upside down Christmas tree, Angie's holiday workshop offers an enchanting experience for all ages.

Receive **10% OFF** gifts & services when you present this ad

Ask about our Private Shopping Parties as well as Home and Office Custom Decorating
Contact us for details.

Angie's Gifts & Holiday Crafts – follow the road signs
70 Croucher Point Road, Glen Haven • (902) 823 1472 or (902) 798-7023

KANGAROO TUBE SKIN-TO-SKIN T-SHIRTS

Stabilizes the temperature of the newborn and promotes the initiation of breastfeeding



Choose the Baby Carrier that Most Suits your Needs:

the blue celery baby sling
ergobaby
chimparoo®
BABYBJÖRN
VIJA DESIGN
hotslings your life & style baby carriers

Designed and made with pride in Canada

find us on facebook

The Royal Diaperer 3 Floor Baby Store
for babies on the go since 1989

425 Sackville Drive
(902) 252-3780
www.royaldiaperer.com

MAKING NIGHTS MAGIC


Pamela Theriault is the general manager of Night Magic Fashions, a family-owned and operated retailer.

At Night Magic Fashions, the store has a simple objective which drives its operation.

"The goal of our store is to create passion, intimacy, love, pleasure, fantasy and romance," says general manager Pamela Theriault.

Family-owned and operated since the day it opened in 1990, Night Magic's customers range in age from 18 to 90, all of whom are looking to make their nights magic.

The knowledgeable and helpful staff help create a welcoming environment to the 2,400 square foot store.

"We have a huge selection," says Theriault. "When people come in, they don't realize how big the store is."

With four separate rooms which each house a different line of products, the store is set up in such a way that they each offer privacy.

"If somebody doesn't feel comfortable with a room, they don't even have to go in that room," says Theriault.

The four rooms carry adult products, novelties and lotions/oils.

Theriault says for people who are a bit shy or embarrassed about coming into the store, they may want to consider making purchases through Night Magic's website, nightmagicfashions.com. The parcels are sent in discreet packaging and free shipping is offered on purchases over $50 before taxes.

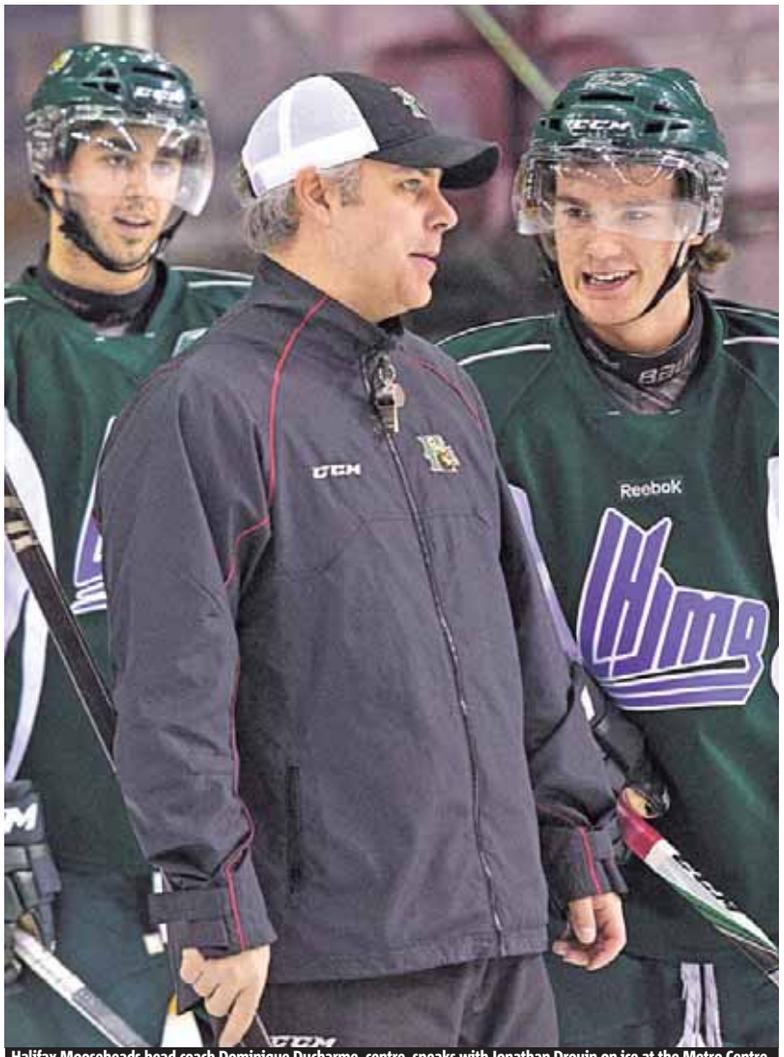
Night Magic also has an active presence on social media and has a Facebook page which lists its $10 special every day.

"We have a very welcoming environment and our staff does a great job of making every customer feel at home," says Theriault.

Night Magic Fashions
Make this Christmas one to Remember!
Let our friendly, knowledgeable staff help you plan a romantic & memorable holiday.
Locally Owned and Operated for 22 Years
Offering an extensive selection of lingerie, costumes, shoes, toys, jokes, movies, magazines, lotions & oils. You can also shop online at www.nightmagicfashions.com
5268 Sackville Street, Halifax
(902) 420-9309
Mon – Sat 10-9, Sun 12-5
Follow us on facebook

Discover Something New
ESTES
MARITIME HOBBIES & CRAFTS LTD. EST. 1946
1521 Grafton Street • Halifax
(902) 423 8870
www.MaritimeHobbies.com

Ducharme proving to be right fit for Mooseheads



Halifax Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme, centre, speaks with Jonathan Drouin on ice at the Metro Centre during practice on Wednesday afternoon. The team is enjoying a banner season under his guidance. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Bench boss.
Mooseheads coach showing he's one more prospect to watch on Halifax club


PHILIP CROUCHER
philip.croucher@metronews.ca

Like his players, Dominique Ducharme aspires to bigger things in hockey.

Ultimately, the Halifax Mooseheads coach dreams of one day being behind the bench of a National Hockey League team.

"Our players are working to become pro players and I have the same goal as them," he says.

Which is why, just like the players, this season is so important on a personal level for Ducharme. He is coaching the talent-laden Mooseheads, the No. 1-ranked team in the Canadian Hockey League, during a season in which anything less than a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League title and a trip to the Memorial Cup will be seen by most as a disappointment.

But Ducharme has a team-first attitude and refuses to look too far down the road. He understands that team success is good for everyone, and if the ultimate goal is reached, it won't go unnoticed.

"When you're part of a winning team, a team that does some things good or great, or wins a championship, everyone benefits from that," says the 39-year-old from Joliette, Que. "Any pro team, at whatever league, are looking to find guys that can help them win. So obviously, it's good for the players, it's good for everyone."

The Mooseheads hired Ducharme in May 2011 and he has proved to be the right fit for the club. He has compiled a 63-25-2-6 record, and has shown a strong knowledge of the game and an ability to communicate well with his players.

"I find he's always the same guy whether he's winning or losing. He keeps his highs and lows in check," said general manager Cam Russell, who hired Ducharme after he spent three seasons as an assistant with the Montreal Junior.

"He works extremely hard at what he does (too). He puts in long hours and long days."

Those long days are one of the reasons why Halifax has been as good as it has this season. And the long hours will continue, Ducharme says, as they go in search of the top prize in junior hockey.

"Our goal is to get ready for the end of the season and reach our goal at the end," he says. "So why be satisfied now?"

Quoted

"From everything I've seen of Dominique, he's definitely able to coach at the next level."
Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell

Mooseheads' top trio staying for weekend


Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

The Halifax Mooseheads will have Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin in the lineup for both of their road games this weekend.

There was some thought the pair would miss Sunday's game against the Sea Dogs in Saint John because they are leaving on Monday for Calgary and the Canadian junior selection camp.

But Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said on Wednesday that the players will play both Saturday in Bathurst against the Titan and Sunday in Saint John against the Sea Dogs, before flying out to Calgary.

Russell also said forward Martin Frk, who plays on the top line with MacKinnon and Drouin, is leaving Monday for the Czech Republic junior selection camp as well, and will play both Saturday and Sunday.

MacKinnon, Drouin and Frk are one-two-three in team scoring, combining for 127 points.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

CHL rankings

Moose still No. 1 five weeks later

Surprise, surprise: The Halifax Mooseheads remain the top-ranked team in the Canadian Hockey League.

For the fifth straight week, the Mooseheads are holding down the No. 1 spot after posting a pair of home victories last week.

Halifax has the best record in the CHL at 24-3-0-1.

The Portland Winterhawks moved up to No. 2, followed by the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights. The Blainville-Boisbriand Armada (fifth) and Quebec Remparts (sixth) are the other ranked teams from the QMJHL. METRO

NBL Canada

Rainmen bring in big forward Bailey

The Halifax Rainmen announced the signing of a new player on Wednesday, six-foot-eight forward Brant Bailey.

The veteran pro is expected to join the team this week.

The club also announced Darnell Hugee has been placed on injured reserve with a concussion. The injury happened in a game against the Summerside Storm on Nov. 25.

The Rainmen (5-5) are back in action on Friday hosting the Oshawa Power at 7 p.m. METRO

4 SPORTS

MoneyProvider.com
$500 Loan
and more
No credit refused
Fast, easy and secure
1-877-776-1660
www.moneyprovider.com

Sports in pictures



1 NBA. Bryant youngest ever to ascend into 30,000-point club

Kobe Bryant became the youngest player in NBA history to eclipse 30,000 career points and only the fifth overall to hit that mark on Wednesday night. Bryant entered the elite scoring club during the first half of the Los Angeles Lakers' 103-87 win over the New Orleans Hornets. He arrived in New Orleans 13 points short, and scored his 13th and 14th points on a short jumper with 1:16 to go in the first half. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 MLB. Votto gets another top honour from Canadian HOF

Cincinnati Reds slugger Joey Votto is the winner of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame's Tip O'Neill Award for the third straight year. The award is given to the Canadian player judged to have excelled in individual achievement and team contribution while adhering to baseball's highest ideals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

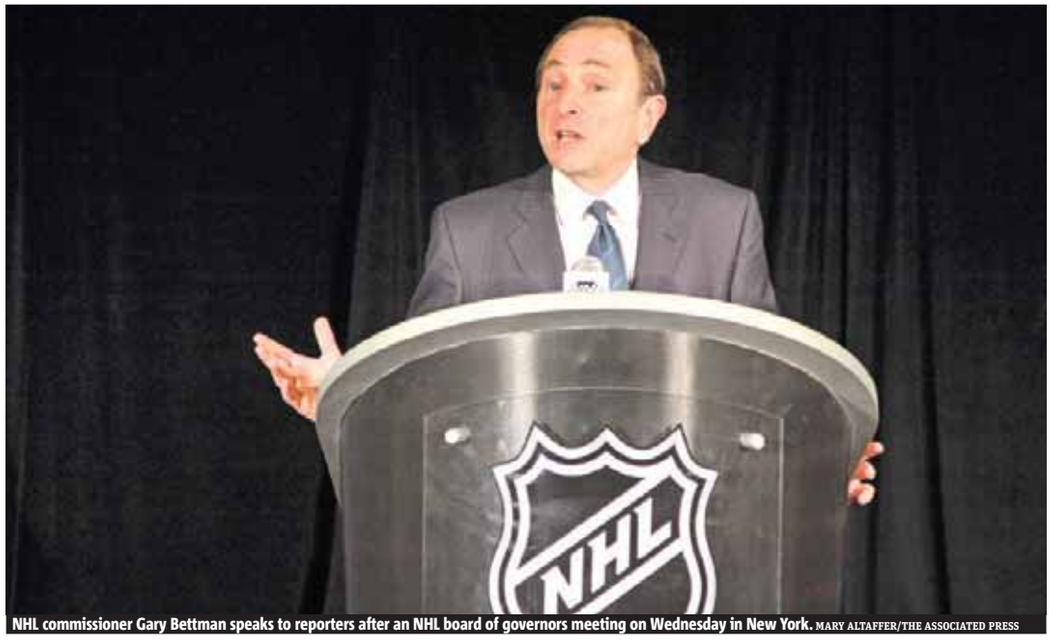
3 Soccer. Messi hobbled in Barca's draw with Benfica

Lionel Messi was carried off with a knee injury as Barcelona was held to 0-0 by Benfica in the Champions League on Wednesday.

The club said the initial assessment was Messi had an outer bruise to his left knee. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 MLB. Marlins send Escobar to Tampa Bay

Yunel Escobar's stay with the Miami Marlins lasted all of two weeks. The payroll-slashing Marlins dealt the shortstop and his $5-million salary across Florida to the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night for infielder Derek Dietrich. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman speaks to reporters after an NHL board of governors meeting on Wednesday in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL talks gain steam in Gotham

Day 81. Sense of urgency heightens as sides try to strike deal

A wave of optimism gave way to tension as the NHL and NHL Players' Association spent a second straight day trying to hammer out a collective bargaining agreement.

The sides exchanged proposals during a series of brief meetings on Wednesday afternoon, according to sources, in a bid to close the final gap in negotiations that have spanned more than five months.

The urgency was evident as a group of six league owners shuffled between internal meetings and short sessions with players and union staff at a hotel in midtown Manhattan.

By the numbers

50

According to sources, the owners are discussing a possible 50-game season. They felt a 60-game schedule was too ambitious given the current timeline.

At one point, Boston Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs could be seen having an animated conversation with deputy commissioner Bill Daly outside the negotiating room. Meantime, players paced the halls while speaking on their cellphones.

Even though the specific details of the new offers weren't known, one aspect revealed another hurdle the sides have to cross — the length of the deal. The league's proposal called for a 10-year term while the NHLPA continued to favour a shorter contract, sources said.

With tensions rising, commissioner Gary Bettman and NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr kept themselves out of negotiation sessions for a second straight day. But Bettman did provide a brief update to reporters after a two-hour gathering of the board of governors, saying he was "pleased" with the way things were progressing.

That was about all he was willing to reveal.

"We are pleased with the process that is ongoing and out of respect for that process I don't have anything else to say and I'm not going to take any questions," Bettman said.

The two sides have cleared their schedules for the rest of the week after successfully getting an adjournment from Quebec Labour Board hearings that had been scheduled in Montreal for Thursday and Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Splitting the pie

Both the league and union proposed a 50-50 revenue split last month, but they remain separated on payments to be made outside the system to help ease the transition from the previous deal, which saw the players receive 57 per cent.

- The NHL has offered $211 million in deferred compensations while the union is asking for $393 million.

Doping. Four athletes stripped of Athens medals

Eight years after winning Olympic medals in Athens, four track-and-field athletes from eastern Europe were ordered to hand them back on Wednesday because of positive doping tests, while Lance Armstrong can hold on to his bronze medal from the 2000 Sydney Games a little while longer.

The International Olympic Committee executive board disqualified four athletes whose 2004 Athens doping samples were retested this year and came back positive for steroids, including shot-put gold medallist Yuriy Bilonog of Ukraine.

Also stripped of medals were hammer-throw silver medallist Ivan Tskikhan of Belarus and two bronze medallists — women's shot putter Svetlana Krivelyova of Russia and discus thrower Irina Yatchenko of Belarus.

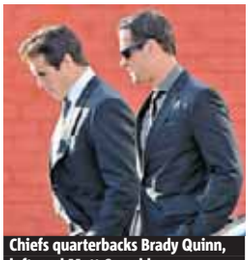
The IOC held off on stripping Armstrong of the bronze he won 12 years ago in the cycling road time trial in Sydney, citing procedural reasons for the delay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL. Private service memorializes Belcher

Several players for the Kansas City Chiefs attended a memorial service for teammate Jovan Belcher, who killed his girlfriend and then fatally shot himself in the head.

Retired Chiefs Hall of Famer Bobby Bell said after the private hour-long service that general manager Scott Pioli, who witnessed Belcher's suicide on Saturday, spoke during the service. Bell said an uncle of Belcher also spoke.

Several Chiefs players declined comment after the service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Chiefs quarterbacks Brady Quinn, left, and Matt Cassel leave a memorial service for teammate Jovan Belcher on Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you start something new today, there is every chance it will succeed — so get busy! Mars in the career area of your chart gives you the drive and the ambition you will need to undertake a major new project.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Play to your strengths today and you won't go far wrong. Decide what it is that means the most to you and focus on it to the exclusion of everything else. If others say you are being selfish, take it as a compliment!

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You now have the drive and the determination to accomplish something out of the ordinary. The fact that others say it cannot be done — or should not be done — will encourage you to prove them wrong. You love a challenge.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
A breakthrough of some kind is possible but you have to be proactive. If you just sit there waiting for events to come round your way, you may be waiting a very long time. What can you do to speed things along?

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Good luck will come to you over the next 24 hours but not in the form of material things. Most likely, it will be in the shape of a friend whose wise words are worth more than all the gold you could carry.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are under fortunate stars at the moment and if you don't quite believe that now, you will start to believe it over the next few days. The more you think and act lucky, the more luck you will attract.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It is probably going too far to claim that you can transform your life over the next 24 hours but you can certainly change it in important ways. You are already moving in the right direction. All you have to do is take longer strides.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22
If you feel compelled to move in a new direction, you must not fight against it. It may seem strange to you now but over the next few days you will see that it is entirely to your benefit. Trust your instincts.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Why are you so defensive? Why do you insist on believing that the world is against you and you need to protect yourself? It's time to snap out of it. Reality is what you want it to be, so lighten up and live.

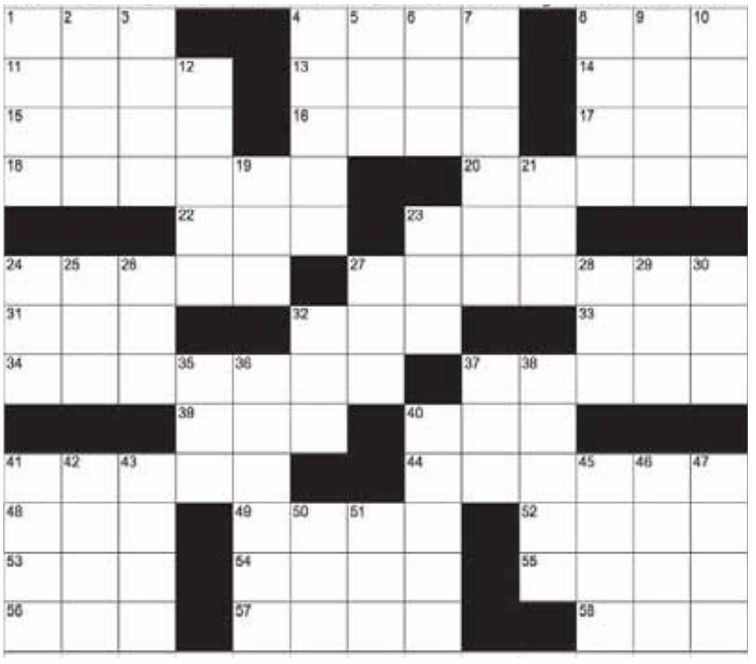
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Put yourself in the spotlight today so that employers and others in authority can see who you are and what you can do. Yes, some people may think you are being too pushy but better that than you not pushing at all.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you want to make changes then now is the time. Don't take it as a bad sign if certain people try to talk you out of it or place obstacles in your path. They're just afraid you'll succeed. And you will.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Some people never stop moaning about how tough life is, but it isn't true. Each day can be a new beginning and each day can be full of every joy imaginable. Make love and laughter your watchwords today. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword

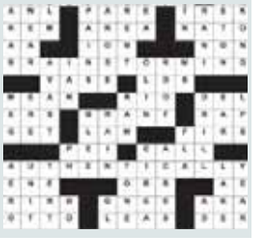
BY BETTY MARTIN



Across
1. Actor James Van — Beek
4. Cigarette substances
8. Globe
11. Brainstorm
13. Beatles Meter Maid
14. By way of
15. Glitch or hitch
16. Paradise
17. Height abbr.
18. Vacation necessity
20. Wooded valleys
22. Volleyball need
23. "I am — "
24. Scolds
27. Peter Falk drama
31. Bullring cheer
32. Food morsel for Mister Ed
33. Dinghy mover
34. Chic
37. Over yonder
39. Want ad abbr.
40. Ocean
41. Trample
44. Grease pencil, for one
48. Hit lightly
49. Dueling sword
52. Yearn
53. Letter after ka in Spanish
54. Math calculation
55. Halt
56. Ink holder
57. Ogle
58. Winding curve

Down
1. Computer data holder
2. Charlotte Rae on The Facts of Life
3. Paper quantity
4. Halloween candy
5. Pitch in
6. Map abbr.
7. Summer shoe
8. Racetrack shape
9. Brook
10. Belfry dwellers
12. Broker
19. Matter for the courts
21. Aussie bird
23. Tippler
24. Eggs
25. — in the Family
26. Indicates maiden name
27. Family pet
28. One of The Three Stooges
29. Cheers was one
30. Source for raw metal
32. Toronto province
35. Herd
36. Implore
37. Some like it hot
38. Heavenly strings
40. Daub
41. Ladder rung
42. Yarn
43. — Mike with Mike Bullard
45. Stringed toy
46. The Dukes of Hazzard spin-off
47. Bodybuilder's count
50. Prior to
51. Wide shoe spec

Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

See today's answers metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

6		9		1	5			3
	8		9					7
	2		7				1	
9							5	
		6	8		9	7		
	1							4
	5				7		9	
3					4		8	
8			1	2		3		

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	2	5	3	6	9	1	4	7
9	3	4	8	1	7	2	6	5
1	7	6	4	2	5	8	3	9
2	5	3	6	7	8	4	9	1
4	9	7	2	3	1	6	5	8
6	1	8	9	5	4	7	2	3
3	4	9	7	8	6	5	1	2
7	6	1	5	9	2	3	8	4
5	8	2	1	4	3	9	7	6

Today -1°/-5° Variable
Friday 2°/0° Mainly sunny
Your #1 weather forecast now available in HD.
Check your local listings for details.
The Weather Network HD
TWN incorporates MSC data

NOW MORE MEN & BIGGER PACKAGES
FREE TRIAL
CruiseLine
902.431.6725
Other cities: 1.877.882.2010
1.900.561.8888 (75 min/$25)
Text "CRUISE" to 96669 (10 min/$5)
www.cruiseline.ca

nightline where naughty is nice
FREE TRIAL
902.444.5533
OTHER CITIES 1.877.834.4044
1.900.561.5555 $25/50min
NIGHTLINECHAT.COM

grapevine personals.com
FREE OFFER
FRIENDSHIP // DATING // LOVE
902.491.1600
Other cities: 1.877.CHAT.810
Text "VINE" to 96669 $5/10 min
1.900.783.3333 $25/90 minutes

MAXIMUM TRACTION



2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo

- 3.6L Pentastar V6
- Power Moon Roof
- Leather Interior
- Heated Front Seats
- Alloy Wheels
- Sirius Sat. Radio
- U Connect Hands Free
- 7 to choose from

Starting from **$28,977**

2012 Jeep Wrangler Sahara 4x4



Was $30,995
Now **$29,977**
stk# MO150764 Only 20k

2009 Mitsubishi Outlander ES 4x4



Just Arrived!
Now Only **$15,995**
stk# 12RC4777A Only 59k

2010 Chevrolet Silverado WT



Just Arrived!
Now Only **$21,995**
stk# 12RC2890FFA Only 79k

2010 Ford Escape Limited 4x4



Just Arrived!
Now Only **$22,995**
stk# 13DR7046C Only 18k

2010 Jeep Liberty Sport 4x4



Just Arrived!
Now Only **$18,995**
stk# LP292933A Only 50k

2010 Jeep Patriot North 4x4



Just Arrived!
Now Only **$13,995**
stk# 12RC0993B Only 75k

2012 Dodge Durango Express AWD



Was $29,995
Now **$28,977**
stk# EN104273 Only 42k

2012 Jeep Patriot North 4x4



Was $21,995
Now **$20,977**
stk# CH657798 Only 17k

2012 Jeep Compass North 4x4



Was $21,995
Now **$20,977**
stk# CH657809 Only 21k

DARTMOUTH

CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep RAM

Where Nova Scotia Comes to Save!

469-9050
DDODGE.COM

Like us on Facebook

Price excludes taxes & fees OAC.